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A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE *HOLT WATERS*,

Containing One Hundred and Twelve

Eminent Cures,

Perform'd by

The Uſe of the Famous Mineral Waters at *HOLT*, (near *Bath*) in *Wiltſhire*.

Being faithfully Collected by

HENRY EYRE, Sworn Purveyor to Her Majeſty for all *Mineral Waters*.

To which are added,

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N. B. The Fabrick, as repreſented in the Frontiſpiece, is deſigned to be placed before the three Pumps, each Cock to have its Communication only with its reſpective Pump, in order to prevent the waſting of Water, which is frequently occaſioned by the preſent Method of Pumping.

I thought it proper to acquaint the *Publick* with the Reaſon of this intended Alteration, leſt ill-deſigning *Perſons* ſhould take a ſecond Opportunity of inſinuating, That any material Alterations have been made, by mixing the Water, or otherwiſe: which the *Publick* may depend on will never be allowed of by the *Proprietor*, notwithſtanding we apprehend no material Difference between the ſeveral Wells.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE HOLT WATER.

THE Uſe of Mineral Waters having obtain'd a great Eſteem and Reputation for the Cure of many Chronical and Obſtinate Diſeaſes, it is preſum'd a ſhort Account of the *Holt Mineral Waters*, and their experienc'd Virtues, will be acceptable to the Publick on ſeveral Accounts; particularly, that it may be known in what Caſes to expect Relief from them, and in what Quantities, Seaſons of the Year, and Manner, they are to be drank; which Particulars have been much enquir'd after.

And as it is a great Satisfaction to every diſeas'd Perſon to be well aſſur'd of Cures perform'd by theſe Waters in like Caſes, I have collected as many as my Leiſure would permit, which are a very conſiderable Number for a *Mineral Water* ſo lately known, tho' ſmall in Proportion to what might have been collected, could I have ſpared Time to have attended it with a proper Application.

I am no ways qualify'd to write an exact Treatiſe of the Nature of the Waters: What I ſhall offer to the Publick, is a bare Narrative of Facts; the former I ſhall leave to abler Perſons, whoſe Pens I hope will not be wanting, to ſet in a more inſtructive Light a Matter of ſuch general Concern. And to encourage ſome skilful Perſon, who is capable of ſuch an Undertaking, I will beg Leave to inſert a remarkable Paſſage taken from the *Philoſophical Tranſactions* of the *Royal Society*, N° 51. which is very appoſite to the preſent Subject: "Whoever, *ſay they*, diſco-"vers ſuch Healing Waters, and "publickly preſcribes the ſafe and

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" right Uſe of them, does really di-
" ſtribute larger and nobler Alms,
" than if he built and endow'd a
" *Savoy:* For this prolongs Life, and
" reſtores Health, which is ſometimes
" better than Life, both to Rich and
" Poor, Natives and Strangers, to
" Neighbours and Travellers."

As to an Enquiry into the particular Ingredients with which this Water is impregnated, and in what Proportions, were my Abilities adequate to the Performance, I ſhould chuſe to wave any Attempts of that kind, which only ſerve to amuſe the Curious; being influenc'd by what the Honourable and Learned Mr. *Boyle* is found ingenuouſly to own; " That
" notwithſtanding the many Ways of
" diſcovering the Natures or Quali-
" ties of *Mineral Waters*, yet I think
" the ſureſt Way of knowing them,
" is by a long and ſufficient Experience
" of their good and bad Effects; for
" I ſtrongly ſuſpect, and, it may be,
" partly know, that there are be-
" neath the Surface of the Earth di-
" vers Mineral Subſtances, ſome fix'd
" and ſome volatile, ſome in the

" Form of hard Bodies, ſome of ſoft
" ones, ſome of Liquors, and ſome
" of Fumes, divers of which the
" Generality, even of learned Men,
" are altogether Strangers to; be-
" ſides thoſe, that tho' ſome Men
" may chance to have ſeen, have
" their Natures ſo little known, that
" they have not ſo much as a Name
" aſſign'd them; ſo that when I con-
" ſider that of the Ingredients we are
" unacquainted with, (to paſs by all
" the reſt that the Earth may con-
" ceal) the Proportions wherein they
" are mingled may be numberleſs,
" and the Qualities reſulting from
" theſe Commixtures may be very
" different from thoſe of the ſeparate
" Ingredients, I am apt to look upon
" the Difficulty of ſecurely deter-
" mining the Effects of *Mineral Wa-*
" *ters*, *a priori*, as little, if at all,
" leſs than inſuperable to human Un-
" derſtanding."

Struck with the Authority of this Great Man, I ſhall confine myſelf only to ſhew what Effects theſe Waters have on Human Conſtitutions, by which imperfect Account it will appear

pear what a Bleſſing theſe Waters are to the Publick, by recovering many that have been long afflicted with moſt obſtinate, and almoſt deſperate, Diſeaſes.

The firſt Diſcovery of theſe Waters at *Holt* was merely accidental, in the following Manner: About 40 Years ago one of the Inhabitants of *Holt* ſinking a Well near his Houſe, open'd a Spring about 11 Feet deep, which plentifully ſupplied him with Water; and ſoon after expecting a Viſit from ſome of his Relations, he brew'd a Barrel of Ale with the Water of this new Well, to entertain his Friends with; and for their better Reception, a Joint of Mutton was got ready, and boil'd in the ſame Water: But when the Meat came to be ſet on the Table, it appear'd ſo diſcolour'd, and of ſuch a ſooty Hue, that he was almoſt aſham'd to ſet it before his Gueſts: However, they ſat down to their Repaſt, and Hunger being their Sauce, they eat plentifully, and drank freely; but in a little Time the *Mineral Water* began to exert its Operation, and they all found themſelves

ſick of the ſame Diſeaſe; every one complain'd of a Flux for a conſiderable Time.

This being talk'd of about the Neighbourhood, it ſoon reach'd the Lady * *Liſle*'s Ears, then living in *Holt*, and Lady of the Manor, who telling the Story to a neighbouring Clergyman, (Mr. *Hickes*) he took an Opportunity to try the Water by ſome Chymical Experiments; and recommending it to the Obſervation of Dr. *Guidot* of *Bath*, the Doctor made Trials upon it, and found it very ſtrongly impregnated with Mineral Salts, but of a mix'd Nature, and reducible to no particular Claſs.

Notwithſtanding this, little Notice was taken of this Water for ſeveral Years after its firſt Diſcovery: Its Medicinal Virtue was known but to few, and brought little Advantage to the Owner, not ſufficient to countervail its ill Quality of being unfit to waſh or brew with, till about 18 Years ago, *viz. A. D.* 1713, it came into

* Sir *William Liſle*'s Widow, and Grandmother to *Edward Liſle* of *Moyles-Court*, Eſq;

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the Hands of the Widow *Harding*, the preſent Keeper of the Wells at *Holt*, who having a Child at Nurſe with her, then about 5 Years old, that was miſerably afflicted with the King's-Evil, made a wonderful Cure upon her, by the ſole Uſe of the Water, and thereby laid the Foundation of its preſent Reputation. The Child brought the Diſtemper into the World with her, and was waſted and weaken'd by it to that Degree, that ſhe was confin'd to her Bed, and a Surgeon attended upon her for ſome Time; but finding all Means ineffectual, he adviſ'd the Nurſe to give the Child ſome of the *Mineral Water:* By his Advice ſhe did ſo, tho' with ſome Reluctance, the Girl being then ſo much weaken'd by her Illneſs, that they concluded it would ſoon carry her off: In a few Days they perceiv'd a ſenſible Alteration in the Child, which encourag'd them to go on and increaſe the Draught, and duly plying her with the Water, ſhe ſoon quitted the Bed, and was able to walk about with the Help of Crutches; and by the continu'd Uſe of this noble Remedy, ſhe was by Degrees

grees at length ſo ſtrengthen'd, and the Wounds, which were chiefly in the Thigh and Hip, were ſo perfectly heal'd, that ſhe was able to walk, and work at the Spinning Wheel; and the Crutches were ſet up over the Well, as a Memorial of the Cure and excellent Virtue of the Water. The Girl is now living in *Holt*, and maintains herſelf by the Labour of her own Hands.

N. B. This is the Cure, N° 16. in the following Liſt of Cures.

The good Woman who liv'd in the Cottage to which this Well belong'd, was not wanting to herſelf in publiſhing this remarkable Cure upon the poor Girl, which drew others in the Neighbourhood, in Caſes of the like Nature, to make the ſame Trial, in Hopes of the ſame Succeſs. And as every Year produc'd new Cures, and the Fame of the Water increas'd, there was ſtill a greater Reſort to it; Multitudes were heal'd of *Scorbutick* and *Scrophulous* Illneſſes in their Eyes, Arms, Hands and Legs, *&c.* The Water was carried to all Parts, and weekly Accounts came in of Cures done

done by it: But due Care not being taken to record them, and Perſons of Diſtinction not admitting a Publication to be made of the Cures perform'd on them, many were irrecoverably loſt.

The following Collection therefore is not to be look'd upon as a perfect and full Account of all the Cures which this Water has effected.

I have given every particular Caſe faithfully, as it came to my Hands, and have inſerted the Names of ſuch as deſired their Cures might be made publick.

I hope the Succeſs and Reputation of theſe Waters being a Matter of *Private Intereſt*, will be no Objection to their being a *Publick Benefit*; and as I have taken particular Care not to offend any one, I promiſe myſelf they can meet with no Diſcouragement, but from Perſons intereſted in ſome of the many *Mineral Waters* which this Kingdom produces.

The *Holt* and *Bath Waters* are in many Caſes of great Service to each other, as is well known from the Preſcriptions of Phyſicians, the *Holt Waters*

ters being in ſome Caſes a proper Preparative for drinking the *Bath*, and very often of Service when drank alternately, and likewiſe after a Courſe of the *Bath Waters*.

As to the Objection, that the *Holt* does not purge ſo briſkly as ſome other cold *Mineral Waters* in this Kingdom, it ſeems to be ſtarted by ſuch as have very little Medicinal Skill, ſince, as I am inform'd, if Evacuations were the main and principal Point to be purſu'd, the *Materia Medica* abounds with Evacuants; but the *Holt Waters* are a true Alterative, and as ſuch muſt neceſſarily remain ſome Time in the Body, in order to produce thoſe ſurprizing Effects which have already ſo deſervedly raiſed them to the high Character and Reputation which they bear, not only in this City, but thro' the whole Nation.

And indeed this Objection, ſo injudiciouſly urged, is perhaps one of the greateſt Things that can be ſaid in Favour of the *Wells at Holt*, which purge ſo gently as not to weaken the Conſtitution, and by their great *Aſtringency* brace and ſtrengthen the Parts,

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at the ſame Time that they affect the Diſtemper.

As to the Quantity convenient to be drank daily, it is impoſſible to lay down a general Rule; every one muſt adjuſt this as their Conſtitutions will bear, and Caſe requires, Reſpect being had to the Age, Strength, and other Circumſtances of the Patient, and the Nature of the Diſtemper: I could wiſh that all ſuch as can afford it would conſult the learned Gentlemen of the Faculty, by whoſe Directions they may reaſonably expect a more ſpeedy Cure.

But as many who will have Occaſion to drink theſe Waters may not be in a Capacity to conſult Phyſicians, I think it neceſſary to mention, in what Manner I have obſerv'd theſe Waters to be drank with the greateſt Succeſs.

The general Quantity is three Wine Pints a Day, which is about the Quantity contain'd in each of the Bottles in which this Water is ſold; viz. half a Pint in the Morning, at leaſt an Hour before Breakfaſt, one third of a Pint an Hour after Breakfaſt,

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the like Quantity half an Hour after that, and to be repeated the next half Hour, beginning again two or three Hours after Dinner, and taking the like Quantities three times at half an Hour's Diſtance, and the remaining half Pint the laſt thing juſt going to Bed; the laſt Glaſs at Bed-time, is eſteem'd to be of great Service: It is alſo of Benefit when drank at Meals, but then this muſt be over and above what has been already preſcrib'd.

A much larger Quantity than this, will only (as Dr. *Cheyne* in his Treatiſe of the *Gout* obſerves) "diſtend "and relax the Stomach and Inteſtines, force its Way through the "largeſt and moſt open Paſſages, and "propagate the Circulation through "the Branches of the larger Arteries "and Veins, where the leaſt Foulneſs "and feweſt Obſtructions can happen, "ſo that it will ſcarce reach the finer "Capillary Veſſels, in which chiefly "the *Morbifick Matter* reſides."

The beſt Method therefore of drinking them, is by ſmall Quantities frequently repeated, which Dr. *Keil* has like-

likewiſe aſſerted and prov'd in his *Medico-Phyſical Eſſays*: Says he, "The moſt expeditious Way of al-"tering the whole Maſs of Blood by "*Mineral Waters*, is by ſmall and "frequent Draughts." When theſe Waters are too cold for the Stomach, as in Winter, and in cold Weather, they may be warm'd and drank with equal Succeſs.

In ſuch Caſes, when the Stomach can bear the propoſed Quantity, it would be adviſeable to boil one Half, or two Thirds of the Bottle, thereby reducing it to ſuch a Quantity as may inoffenſively be taken.

When the Caſe is very obſtinate, a larger Quantity of the Water may be taken, by reducing three Pints to a Pint and a half by boiling; and drinking it ſo reduc'd, in the Morning, as before directed, let the Pint and half which is deſign'd for the Afternoon, be taken without being boil'd.

Dr. *Grew*, in his *Latin* Treatiſe of the Nature and Uſe of the *Bitter Purging Salt*, approved by the *College of Phyſicians*, and the *Royal Society*, and

tranſlated into *Engliſh* by Dr. *J. Bridges*, 1697, ſpeaking of *Mineral Waters*, whoſe Virtue conſiſts in a *fix'd Salt*, ſays, " Phyſicians in *London*, for the " moſt part, preſcribe the Waters " not to be drank raw, but boil'd; " for ſo the Quantity of the Water " being leſſened, and yet the Strength " increas'd *, they work off the Sto- " mach and Bowels more advantage- " ouſly."

Perhaps ſome minute Part of the whole *Impregnation* may be forc'd off by the Fire, but it is highly probable that the mere *Element* evaporates in a much greater Proportion, conſequently there muſt be more Virtue in a Quart of boil'd Water (which is the Remains of two Quarts reduc'd by Evaporation) than there can be in a Quart of the Water as it ariſes from the Well, tho' perhaps, not every individual *Particle* with which the two Quarts was impregnated; but if there remain only the ſame Virtue in a Quart

* *The Strength increas'd,*] that is proportionably to the Quantity of the Waters, their Virtue not lying in a *volatile Spirit*, as thoſe of *Tunbridge*, and the like, but in a *fix'd Salt*.

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ſo reduc'd, as in three Pints raw, it is then ſufficient to anſwer the Ends for which this Method of Drinking is recommended; for as theſe Waters are rather of an *alterative*, than *purging Quality*, there is leſs Objection to their being made ſtronger, eſpecially in a *ſtubborn Caſe*.

And if it be more agreeable to the Stomach, the Water may be turn'd with Milk in the following manner.

To any Quantity of the Water when boiling, add a 6th or an 8th Part of New Milk, ſtrain off the Curd, and drink as before; which Method of drinking *Mineral Waters*, is likewiſe mention'd and approv'd by Dr. *Grew*.

Moderate Exerciſe is requiſite to be uſed during the Time of drinking theſe Waters, to raiſe (as I am informed by the Learned) proper *Ferments* in the Humours, and to promote their due *Secretions*, to attenuate the *Fluids*, and brace up the *Fibres*, and give the *Nerves* a better Spring. Proper Exerciſes are Walking, Bowling, Dancing, but eſpecially Riding; all which moderately uſed, will fa-

cilitate a due Secretion of the peccant Humours, particularly through the Kidneys, and be of Service to remove Obſtructions in the Glands of the *Meſentery* and *Inteſtines*.

And during a Courſe of theſe Waters, the Food ſhould be ſuch as is eaſy of Digeſtion, plain, and not adulterated with high Sauces; for theſe, by carrying freſh Salts into the Body, daily feed the Diſtemper, and add new Fuel to the Flame.

All Perſons under a Courſe of theſe Waters, ought to be very careful to prevent catching Cold, nothing ſo much hindering their good Effects, as Neglects of that Nature.

In the *Scurvy*, *King's-Evil*, *Leproſy*, *Cankers*, *ſore Eyes*, and other *Ulcers*, the Water is not only to be taken inwardly, but the *Tumor*, or *Ulcer*, muſt be often *bath'd*, or *waſh'd* with it, and wet Cloths applied to the diſeaſed Part, and frequently renewed.

And in ſuch Caſes, where any particular Part wants to be waſhed or bathed with the Water, it muſt certainly be of Service to do it before the

the Fire, which will open the *Pores*, and draw off the watery Part only, leaving the Particles in which their Virtue conſiſts, to be imbibed by the opened Pores, which I my ſelf in ſome Degree have experienc'd; for, being affected with a *ſcorbutic Heat* in my Blood, which would often ſhow it ſelf in my Arms, attended with a violent *Itching*, but more particularly ſo when warm'd either by Exerciſe, or ſitting near the Fire; The Fire at firſt would raiſe the *Itching*, yet upon fomenting my Arms with the Water, I found a much greater Relief, and the *Itching* much ſooner allay'd, then when I applied the Water only, without the Help of the Fire; and by this Means, and drinking the Water a ſhort Time, the Diſorder in my Blood was perfectly removed. If the Caſe be of long ſtanding, it is neceſſary to drink the Waters ten Days before they are uſed externally.

Notwithſtanding I have been thus particular as to the drinking and applying of theſe Waters, I humbly beg Leave again to repeat, that in drinking, the Perſon is to be guided,

in respect to the *Manner*, *Time*, and *Quantity*, by his Constitution and Malady; and that in making a Judgment of these, he would not do well to trust himself too far, but for the greater Success and Security, to take the Advice of a *Physician*.

I have frequently known Persons very uneasy, when the Waters have forced the Humours out of the Blood through the Skin, by more violent Breakings out; it can't be improper therefore to observe, that such an *Appearance* is so far from affording Matter of Discouragement, that it is really a good Symptom, and the Forerunner of a speedy Cure.

The Spring and Summer are generally allowed to be the most proper Seasons for drinking these Waters; but I find no Difference in them from the Season of the Year, either by their Specific Gravity, Chymical Experiments, or their Effects when drank by distemper'd Persons; therefore we may conclude that the *Beds* which contain the several Ingredients with which these Waters are impregnated, are wash'd in Proportion to the

the Quantities of Water that paſſes through them; ſufficient Care being taken to prevent the Rains penetrating into the Wells perpendicularly. The Seaſon therefore of drinking them at any Diſtance from the Place, is, when any Perſon is afflicted with ſuch Diſeaſes for the Cure whereof theſe Springs are recommended.

But ſuch as propoſe to drink the Waters only at the Wells, ſhould be there early in the Spring, or Beginning of Summer; for if they came late to the Wells, the Winter advancing before they are perfectly cured, they have not had Patience to ſtay long enough, the Company being gone, and the Place become leſs pleaſant and agreeable; ſo that they have been obliged to return another Seaſon; when, inſtead of being well, their Diſtemper has grown more obſtinate than before, and probably through a Neglect of drinking the Waters a few Weeks longer, they have been put to the Expence and Fatigue of a ſecond Viſit.

It is adviſeable, that all Perſons whoſe Affairs will permit them, ſhould drink the

the Waters at the Wells, not that they loſe any Degree of their Virtue by Carriage, or Keeping, even for ſeveral Years. (For as their Virtues do not conſiſt in any Ingredients that are *Volatile*, they are not loſt when bottled, as is evident from their continuing to anſwer to the ſeveral † *Chymical Experiments*, curdling with Milk, retaining their Weight, and particularly from their being eſteemed the ſtronger when reduced by Evaporation; which Method of drinking them is often recommended by the Gentlemen of the Faculty.) But there is generally this Difference in drinking theſe Waters, from, or at the Wells, that on the Spot every Perſon's Diet and Pleaſures are made ſubſervient to the Waters, when at a Diſtance the Waters, on the contrary, are made ſubſervient to every thing elſe.

But for the farther Satisfaction of ſuch as cannot come to theſe Wells, I have taken Notice of ſome parti-

† *Vid.* the Chymical Experiments in the Appendix. *Fol.* 51 and ~~20~~ Caſe, N° ~~20~~ 13. 62.

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cular Cures which have been effected intirely, or partly at a Diſtance from the Wells *, which is an undeniable Proof of their retaining their Virtues; and in order to prevent any Doubt of the Truth of any of the following Caſes, I have declared from whom I received each Caſe: Such as are Signed by the Parties themſelves, need no farther Teſtimony. When theſe Waters are ſent from the Wells, it is abſolutely neceſſary that the Bottles be perfectly new and clean, or elſe the Water will often ſtink; and tho' the utmoſt Care be taken at the Wells, yet ſometimes a ſmall Straw will paſs unperceiv'd in a Bottle, and when it does ſtink, the Stench is beyond Imagination.

I beg Leave to make one Obſervation, and humbly offer it to the Conſideration of the Sea-faring Gentlemen; which is, that theſe Waters might be of great Service in Sea-Voyages, becauſe they will keep ſe-

* *Viz.* Nº 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 34, 35, 48, 53, 62, 63, 64, 74, 75, 77, 78, 82, 85, 86, 87, 89, 97, 98, 99, 100, 104, 105, 112. (*Vid.* the ſecond Paragraph after the Liſt of Cures)

veral Years, and retain their full Virtues; and being moſt indiſputably a certain Cure for all Degrees of the *Scurvy*, muſt conſequently be particularly ſerviceable in preventing the ill Conſequences of a Salt Diet, and want of Exerciſe. Their Efficacy in the Cure of that Diſtemper cannot long be queſtion'd, after the great Benefit which ſo many eminent Commanders in the Sea-Service have received from the Uſe of theſe Waters.

Dr. *Winter*, in his Treatiſe of Bathing in the Hot-Baths in *Somerſetſhire*, publiſh'd in the Year 1728, takes the following Notice of theſe Waters.

" The general Diviſion which the " Ancients made of Medicinal Wa- " ters, was into Sulphureous, Bitu- " minous, Aluminous and Nitrous. " *Vitruvius*, *Pliny*, and *Cælius Aurelia-* " *nus*, are particular as to the drink- " ing the *Cutiliæ*, which the two firſt " call Nitrous, and the latter Alu- " minous. What the Nitre of the " Ancients was, is not altogether " certain, but, *I humbly conceive, the*

" Cutiliæ

" Cutiliæ *were of the ſame Kind with*
" *thoſe that are found with us at* Holt;
" *which Waters, from the Cures by*
" *them performed, are at preſent ad-*
" *vanced to a great Degree of Repu-*
" *tation.*"

I doubt not but the Doctor had good Authority for what he then wrote; but was he, from that Time, to publiſh the particular Caſes of his Patients, and of thoſe only who have drank the Waters by his Advice, joyned to thoſe auxiliary Medicines which he ordered with great Succeſs, the moſt extraordinary of theſe Cures would be equalled by ſome of thoſe performed on his Patients.

I can't (in Juſtice to the Doctor's Judgment, and the due Applauſe of the Waters) avoid mentioning one of the many Caſes which I have known to come under his Care, " A Gen-
" tleman, who, from a Venereal Diſ-
" order, had a total Diſuſe of the
" Urinary Paſſage, making Water
" through a new Orifice, after Trial
" of divers Means, and the Uſe of
" ſeveral *Mineral Waters*, without
" any Succeſs, (for ſome Years to the
" beſt

" beſt of my Remembrance) the
" Doctors ſent him to *Holt*, whoſe
" ſalubrious Waters ſoon heal'd up
" the new Orifice, open'd the pro-
" per Paſſage, and he ever after
" retain'd his Water with a natural
" Facility, who before was liable
" to frequent and involuntary Diſ-
" charges thereof."

It may perhaps be objected againſt the general Uſe of theſe Waters, that what does ſo much Good, if wrong applied, may do Harm; in Anſwer to which it may be obſerved, that it is not eaſy to miſapply them in *England*, a Country whoſe Inhabitants are in general ſubject to ſome Degree of the *Scurvy*. I never yet knew any one Inſtance of their having any ill Effect, unleſs in *Conſumptions*; and they have to my Knowledge often had a very good Effect in the *Gout*, particularly on Mr. *Unit*, a Gentleman of *Glouceſterſhire*, who was much ſubject to the *Gout*: He happen'd as he was riding, to receive a Blow on his Hand from a Bough, which brought on him a Fit of the *Gout*, firſt in his Hands, then

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in his Feet; when by drinking the *Holt Waters* in ſomewhat a larger Quantity than uſual, the Fit was carried off in eight Days; and as that was much ſooner than he could expect, he took a Reſolution to guard againſt his Diſtemper for the future, by making uſe of the ſame Means which had ſo ſoon relieved him in it, and he has ever ſince continued the Uſe of theſe Waters at Times, which have had ſo good an Effect, that he has been leſs ſubject to the Returns of the *Gout* ever ſince, and the Fits have been leſs ſevere. I received this Account from Captain *Guſtavus Scot*, who is frequently at *Lloyd*'s Coffee-Houſe in *Lombard-Street*.

I know Mr. *Unit* has often drank the *Holt Waters*, and in my Hearing has ſeveral times ſpoken of the Benefit of theſe Waters in the *Gout*, for which Diſtemper he drank them. I ſhould not have taken the Freedom to have mentioned this Gentleman's Name in ſo public a Manner, had I not been credibly inform'd, that he himſelf intended, for the general

Good of Mankind, to make his Cure known.

But in this particular Case of the *Gout*, I have been assured by good Authority, that a regular Course of Drinking is necessary, since using them only for a small Time, will rather stir up the Humours, then carry them off, and rectify the *Crasis* of the Blood and Juices.

What has gained these Wells so great Reputation, is chiefly their wonderful Success in all *Scrophulous* and *Scorbutic* Cases, *King's-Evil*, *Running Sores*, *Ulcers inward* and *outward*; incipient, and even bleeding *Cancers*; *Piles inward and outward*. They speedily carry off any *Breakings* out in the Face, *Itchings* in the Skin, *Giddiness of the Head*. They have done great Service in *Lethargic* Cases; and never fail to give an Appetite. They are very effectual in strengthening all over relax'd Parts; particularly they remedy the Weakness of both Sexes, and are of singular Benefit when drank after *Mercurial Administrations*.

I am

I am obliged to the Reverend Mr. *Lewis*, of *Holt*, for many of the following Caſes, who collected and publiſhed them ſome Time ago, without any other View than for the publick Benefit of Mankind; and the great Reputation which theſe Waters now have, is in ſome meaſure owing to that Gentleman's judicious Obſervations; a Specimen of which I now give, as I obtained them from him, for the better Satisfaction of the Publick, and a more convincing Proof of their Virtues.

To Mr. *Henry Eyre*.

SIR,

AT your Deſire, I have ſent you an Account of the ſeveral Strata *of Earths, and Foſſils found in ſinking the Mineral Wells at* Holt, *which was publiſhed among the* Philoſophical Tranſactions *of the* Royal Society, *in* 1728, *with ſuch little Alterations, and Additions, as, upon a Review, were found neceſſary to be made.*

I have alſo ſent you the Tranſcript of a Letter to Dr. Rutty, *Secretary*

to the Royal Society, *relating to the* Mineral Waters *at* Holt; *and have added another Letter to a Friend on the ſame Subject, which gives a particular Account of the ſeveral Caſes in which the* Holt Waters *are, by Experience, found uſeful.*

I am, SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

J. Lewis.

An Account of the ſeveral Strata *of Earth and Foſſils found in ſinking the* Mineral Wells *at* Holt: *By the Reverend Mr.* Lewis, *Curate of the Place; communicated by* John Brome, *Eſq;*

After they had paſſed the upper Turf, they came to a blue Clay, which held about three Foot; then they met with a yellow, brittle Clay, much like Ochre, uſed by Painters, about two Foot in Thickneſs.

Below

Below this, at about ſix Foot from the Surface, they came to a Bed of Stones, of a large Size, and a very hard Texture, having in ſome a *Gypſum*, in others a *Spar*-like Subſtance, which run through, and divided their Parts into Squares, all fill'd with harden'd Loam of a grey Colour. Theſe Stones were all of an Oval Figure, in Shape like Pebbles, and weigh'd from ten to ſixty Pound Weight; they are found to extend all over the adjacent Field, upon a *Horizontal Level*, and exactly anſwer the Deſcription of *Helmont*'s *Ludus*, which he mentions near *Antwerp*, on the River *Scheld*, and to which he aſcribes ſuch wonderful Virtues in diſſolving the Stone.

From thence to the Springs, which ran about eleven Foot from the Surface, was a Loam of a looſer Texture, intermix'd with *Ochre*, and ſparkling with a Kind of Talc, to which the Naturaliſts give the Name of *Selenites*. Theſe were found plentifully ſhot in the Clay, and are Cryſtals conſiſting of tranſparent ſhining brittle Flakes, ſome of *Rhom-*

boidal, others of a *Conical* Figure, but all *Hexaedra*, or Columns of ſix Sides and Angles: Where they were Conical, their Poſition was very curious, many being plac'd in a round, and fix'd like *Radii*, to one Centre. They had no ſenſible Taſte of Salt, and the Clay in which they were found, was interſperſed with Veins of colour'd Earth, reſembling Sulphur, and Iron Ruſt.

Below the Springs, the Clay was darker colour'd, and interlaced with ſmall Shells of the Oyſter and Eſcallop, and Muſcle-kind, with *Belemnites*, *Entrochi*, &c. curiouſly ſhaped. Here they met with Stones of a very cloſe Texture, which, when waſhed, ſeem'd to be nothing but a Maſs of Shells blended and embodied together. And a little lower, the Clay produced ſome Lumps of a black, bituminous Sulphur, interlaid with ſome ſmall, thin *Laminæ*, ſeeming to be Metalline, and bright like the pureſt Silver. Upon firing this ſulphureous *Bitumen* on a red hot Iron, it emitted a blue Flame, and ſtrong Smell, like Brimſtone; but the metallic

tallic Part was ſo volatiliz'd by the Sulphur, that it was loſt in burning.

From this Account of the different *Strata*, in ſinking the Wells, their Impregnation ſeems to be from *Alom*, *Vitriol* of *Steel*, *Ochre* and *Sulphur*; and from an accurate Mixture of all theſe, which no Art can imitate, it is ſuppoſed to derive thoſe admirable Qualities with which it is endued.

Some Conjectures may be made of its Nature and Qualities, from the Tincture it gives upon Chymical Experiments; for with Volatile Alcalies, as *Spirit of Urine*, and *Sal Armoniac*, it turns milky; with Lixiviate Salts, as *Oil of Tartar per del.* it riſes in a white Curdle; but acid, ſaline Liquors, as *Spirit of Salt*, *Nitre*, &c. cauſe no Alteration. The milky Curdle from the *Oil of Tartar*, diſcovers a Mixture of *Alom* and *Sulphur*; for *Sulphur-water* when impregn'd with a little *aluminous Salt*, will turn white with *Oil of Tartar*. Its milky Colour with *Spirit of Urine*, is a certain Indication of the Alom; for having let fall a few Drops of

Spirit

Spirit of Wine into common Water, it did not alter the Colour, till adding thereto a Solution of Alom, it immediately appear'd in a white Cloud, and became milky.

A Gallon and half of this Water being evaporated *ad Siccitatem*, the *Reliquiæ* weigh'd three Drams one Scruple, and nineteen Grains; ſome Parts of which were ſhot into *Stiria*, like Needles; others into *Priſms*, with *Lamellæ*, or thin Plates ſticking to the Veſſel.

The Neighbouring Country is chiefly a ſtrong Clay; the Quarries produce a very hard Stone, which ſeem to be a Compoſition of Shells, cloſely cemented and embodied together; and ſome Marchaſites, which abound with Sulphur. In ſinking deep Pits, they throw up Stones like Iron Oar, and covered with a ſhining, metalline Subſtance, and ſerpentine Stones, curiouſly ingrail'd, and wound up in ſpiral Circles; and the plough'd Fields abound with Stones, reſembling Shells of the Eſcallop and Cockle-kind, ſtriated with *Arteriæ*, or Star-ſtones, which are all ſtrong *Alkalies*, and with

Aqua

Aqua Fortis, or *Spirit of Nitre*, raiſe a violent Ebullition.

A Copy of a Letter to Dr. *Rutty*, late Secretary of the *Royal Society*, relating to the *Mineral Waters* of *Holt*.

SIR,

IN a Letter I received lately from Mr. Brome, *he gave me an Account that he had communicated to you a Paper of mine, relating to the* Mineral Waters *at* Holt; *and that you had ſent it to the Preſs among the* Philoſophical Memoirs *of the* Royal Society.

I little imagin'd when it was firſt pen'd, it would have gone abroad into the World in ſo publick a Manner. It was drawn up at the Requeſt of a Gentleman drinking the Waters here, to enable him to anſwer ſome Queries propos'd to him, by his Friend in Town, upon that Subject. But ſince you have thought fit to give it a Place among the Tranſactions *of the* Society, *I cannot but pay ſo much Deference to your Judg-*

Judgment, as to acquiesce in the Publication, and hope it may be a Means to recommend the Waters to the good Opinion of the Learned Gentlemen of the Faculty.

Your Intimation to Mr. Brome, *that you was willing to inquire into some farther Particulars relating to these Waters, hath drawn upon you the Trouble of this Paper; for though I have too slender an Insight into Affairs of this Nature, to be able to give you any satisfactory Account, yet I am willing, as far as lies in me, to make known the excellent Virtues of these Waters, of which I have been an Eye-Witness for many Years, in many extraordinary Cures.*

Experience has prov'd them of admirable Efficacy in scorbutic *and* scrophulous *Cases, wherein they have done such Wonders, that a short Account which was publish'd of their Cures in that Kind, about five Years ago, was look'd upon by some rather as a Romantick Tale, than a True Narrative of real Facts.*

They are of an attenuating, astringent, *and* drying *Nature; and by these*

these Qualities, I suppose, they perform their Cures. The first is the known Property of all Water, to dilute the Blood, and thin the Juices, and thereby fit them to pass the fine Strainers, and be carried out of the Body by their proper Drains. In the second consists the great Excellence of Holt Water, *which by its notable* Astringency, *braces the Solids, stimulates the Fibres, and quickens their* Contractile *Powers, and thereby enables them to shake off, protrude, and squeeze out, such Feculencies as may adhere to, clog, and stuff 'em up: And this Quality it is probable they derive from the* Alom, *and* Iron *that are supposed to impregnate them. The Ingredients that give them their* drying, healing, *and* absorbent *Quality, are the* Sulphur *and* Ochre, *by which they imbibe the peccant Humours, and sheath the sharp Salts that lance and tear the finer Glands, and cause* Blotches *and* Ulcerations. *As they attenuate and astringe, they are a noble* Diuretic, *removing Obstructions from the Kidneys, and causing the* Renal Glands *to make their due Secretions; and at the same Time dissolving the grosser Salts, and fitting*

fitting them to be carried off through the Urinary Paſſages.

The Waters being found of excellent Avail in many other Illneſſes beſides the Scurvy *and* Evil, *I forbear mentioning any other Caſes, leſt I treſpaſs againſt good Manners, by making my firſt Viſit too long. I am, with all due Reſpect,*

SIR,

Your very humble and

obedient Servant,

J. L——s.

A Copy of a Letter to a Friend, giving an Account of the particular Caſes in which the Holt Waters *are found to be of Service.*

Dear SIR,

'I Am favour'd with yours about 'a Fortnight ago, and the Con-'cern you expreſs in it for the Wel-'fare of me, and my Family, is 'extremely obliging. The Waters 'I find, have been of ſignal Service

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‘ to you, in your Diſorder, which I
‘ am glad to hear, and the more,
‘ becauſe I encouraged you to expect
‘ it. I perceive the good Opinion
‘ you have of their Virtues, has rai-
‘ ſed your Curioſity to make farther
‘ Enquiries into their Qualities, and
‘ Manner of Operation; and you would
‘ gladly be inform'd what other par-
‘ ticular Caſes they are ſerviceable in;
‘ and how they are ſuppoſed to be
‘ fitted to produce ſuch notable Ef-
‘ fects. I would willingly comply with
‘ your Requeſt herein, was I not
‘ conſcious to myſelf, that I ſhall
‘ not give you That Satisfaction on
‘ this Head, which you ſeem to ex-
‘ pect. However, I chuſe rather
‘ to run the Hazard of forfeiting
‘ your good Opinion, by an im-
‘ perfect Account, than decline an
‘ Undertaking, whereby I may con-
‘ vince you, how much I value your
‘ Friendſhip, and may, in ſome mea-
‘ ſure, acknowledge my Obligations
‘ to you.

‘ I ſhall begin with the *Scurvy*, a
‘ Diſeaſe that is not only very com-
‘ mon, but very difficult of Cure;

and if it be the Foundation of all that black Train of Maladies Dr. *Cheyne* attributes to it *, I am ſure we ought to raiſe all the *Poſſe* of *Medicines* againſt it; and this *Mineral Water*, which ſeems peculiarly adapted to *Scorbutic Diſorders*, will juſtly deſerve all the Praiſes that are given it, if it can quell, and root out ſo general, ſo obſtinate, and ſo fatal a Diſtemper. It is ſuppos'd to owe its Riſe to a Redundance of Salts in the Blood, occaſion'd generally by eating too much Fleſh, and ſalted Meats; or, drinking plentifully of ſtrong Liquors, which carry a large Quantity of

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* *He ſays,* 'We owe to it all the Dropſies 'that happen after the Meridian of Life; all 'Diabetes, Aſthma's; Conſumptions of ſeveral 'Kinds; many Sorts of Colicks, and Diarrhœas; 'ſome Kinds of Gouts, and Rheumatiſms; all 'Palſies; various Kinds of Ulcers; and, poſſibly, 'the Cancer itſelf: And moſt Cutaneous Foul'neſſes, weakly Conſtitutions, and bad Digeſti'ons; Vapours, Melancholy, and almoſt all 'Nervous Diſtempers whatſoever. *Eſſay of Health, fol.* 178. *And again he ſays, fol.* 180. 'Moſt 'Chronical Diſtempers are little elſe but Branches 'and Cions from this Root.

'Salts

'Salts into the Body. But without 'Doubt, ſometimes this Malady is 'ex *Traduce*, and ariſes from an He-'reditary Sharpneſs in the Blood, 'whereby the original Taint being 'deeper radicated, is much more dif-'ficultly overcome. The proper Me-'thod of Cure, as I take it, is,

'1. To prevent the Increaſe of the morbific Matter, by a mode-'rate Uſe of animal Food, and a 'total Abſtinence from high-ſeaſon'd 'Meats, and all hot, ſpirituous Li-'quors; or, at leaſt, by uſing 'em 'as ſparingly, and as ſeldom as con-'veniently we can.

'2. By a due Uſe of Exerciſe, as 'Walking, Riding, Chafing, *&c.* to 'break the Salts, and promote their 'Secretions. And where Inactivity 'and a ſedentary Life have contribu-'ted to bring on this Diſtemper, 'ſuch *Medicina Gymnaſtica* may go a 'great way towards the Cure.

'3. By a regular Uſe of ſuch *An-'tiſcorbutics*, as may abſorb and waſh 'off the Salts, and carry them out 'of the Body by their proper Out-

‘ lets, particularly by Urine; and at ‘ the ſame Time may new brace the ‘ Solids, and reduce the Fibres to ‘ their due Tenſity: And for theſe ‘ Intentions, *Holt Waters* ſeem peculi- ‘ arly fitted, as it is a *Diluent* and ‘ *Detergent*, an excellent *Diuretic*, and ‘ a notable *Aſtringent*.

‘ By theſe Qualities it thins the ‘ Juices, diſſolves the acrid Salts, and ‘ fits them to paſs the Orifices of the ‘ *Excretory Veſſels*; cleanſes the *Ali- ‘ mentary Paſſages*, &c. and at the ‘ ſame Time rouſes and enables Na- ‘ ture to diſcharge the noxious Hu- ‘ mours, by giving a new Spring to ‘ the Fibres, and cauſing the Glands ‘ to make their due Secretions; and ‘ herein conſiſts the chief Method of ‘ Cure.

‘ For the internal Cauſe of the ‘ *Scurvy* oftentimes is this, that the ‘ thinner Parts of the *Serum* paſſing ‘ off plentifully, in ſufficiently large ‘ Quantities, and the groſſer Salts, ‘ which ought likewiſe to have been ‘ ſtrain'd off, and diſcharged through ‘ the Kidneys, being retain'd in the

‘ Blood,

'Blood, hence the *Meſenteric* and 'Cutaneous *Glands* come by Degrees 'to be obſtructed, and, in Time, the 'ſharp corroſive Salts increaſing their 'Bulk and Acrimony, and ſticking 'in the *Capillaries*, produce hard Swel-'lings, red Spots, and Eruptions, 'and cauſe a general Diſorder in the 'whole *Animal Oeconomy*.

'And the Excellence of this Wa-'ter, is to diſſolve and break the 'Salts into a Smallneſs, ſufficient to 'give them a free Paſſage through 'the Kidneys, and at the ſame Time 'to excite the *Renal Glands*, to ſe-'parate them from the Blood, and 'turn them out of the Body by their 'proper Emunctory. Beſides, the 'Impregnation of this Water being 'partly Vitriolic, gives a better *Con-'ſiſtence* to the Blood, which is grown 'too lax in *ſcorbutic* Conſtitutions; 'ſo that I may venture to ſay, that 'in all the *Materia Medica*, there is 'not a more ſafe and noble Remedy 'for ſuch Diſorders, than theſe *Mi-'neral Waters*, which, if continued 'a ſufficient Time, and attended 'with a regular Diet, moderate Ex-

'ercise, and in obstinate Cases, with
'a few proper Medicines, will so
'sweeten the Blood, and all the
'Juices in the Body, as to quell
'and overcome this Distemper: Ac-
'cordingly, under this unhappy Ma-
'lady, great Numbers have here found
'Relief. How many have I heard
'extolling the Medicinal Virtues of
'the Waters, and with Pleasure
'owning the great Benefit they had
'found by the Use of them in scor-
'butic Disorders. Red or livid Spots,
'sometimes emitting a briny Hu-
'mour, or crusted over with a white
'Scurf, have been clear'd, and the
'Skin brought to its Natural Co-
'lour and Smoothness. *Strumous*
'*Swellings*, particularly in the Glands
'of the Neck, or under the lower
'Jaws, have been carried off, the
'Obstructions removed, and the
'Glands reduced to their Natural
'Size; and even the *Scrophula*, pro-
'ceeding from a radicated *Scurvy*,
'hath here found a perfect Cure.

'The *Scrophula*, or *King's-Evil*,
'owes its Origin mostly to a *Scor-*
'*butic*, sometimes to a *Venereal Taint*;

'and

‘ and accordingly as it derives its
‘ Riſe from each of theſe Cauſes, is
‘ more difficult, or eaſy of Cure;
‘ and in either Caſe, may find Re-
‘ lief from theſe *Mineral Waters*.
‘ A *Scrophula*, proceeding from an
‘ inveterate Scurvy, is a ſtubborn
‘ Diſtemper, and is not to be work'd
‘ off but by a long Courſe of *Alte-*
‘ *ratives*; among which, *Holt Water*
‘ may be allowed the Precedence,
‘ being a Remedy admirably ſuited
‘ to this Caſe, as it is of an atte-
‘ nuating, cooling, cleanſing, and
‘ drying Nature, and an excellent
‘ *Deobſtruent*, *Diuretic*, and *Aſtrin-*
‘ *gent*. By theſe Qualities, inwardly
‘ taken, it inſinuates itſelf into the
‘ inmoſt Receſſes of the Body, thins
‘ the feculent Juices, cools the hot
‘ Blood, ſoftens and ſmooths the Aſ-
‘ perities of the ſharp corroſive Hu-
‘ mours, and carries them off through
‘ the Urinary Paſſages. And out-
‘ wardly applied, it cleanſes away
‘ the ulcerous *Sordes*; and having, by
‘ its internal Uſe, diverted the Courſe
‘ of the Humours to ſome proper
‘ natural Drain, gently purſes up,

‘ and

‘ and by Degrees, cloſes the Mouths
‘ of the *excretory Glands*; and thereby
‘ putting a Stop to the Afflux of the
‘ Humours to the diſeaſed Part, heals
‘ the Wound. In like manner, and
‘ for the ſame Reaſon, it is of excel-
‘ lent Avail in all *running Ulcers*,
‘ and *inward Ulcers* of the *Bowels*,
‘ *Womb*, &c. which owe their Ori-
‘ ginal to corroding Humours, ari-
‘ ſing from an Exceſs of acrid *Serum*:
‘ Such as are virulent, and emit a
‘ thin watery Humour, it brings to
‘ a due Concoction; and ſuch as are
‘ purulent and ſordid, it cleanſes and
‘ heals; for penetrating into the
‘ ſmalleſt Veſſels, it attenuates, and
‘ ſqueezes out the noxious Humours;
‘ dilutes, breaks, and precipitates the
‘ Salts of the Blood, which ouze
‘ through, and deform the Skin, and
‘ carries 'em out of the Body by
‘ Urine; and by external Applica-
‘ tion, waſhes away the Slough and
‘ Filth of the *Ulcerous Exudations*.
‘ But further,

‘ Theſe Waters have been uſed
‘ with good Succeſs in *incipient Can-*
‘ *cers*, and *ſchirrous Tumours* of the

‘ Breaſts,

‘ Breaſts, and other Glandulous Parts.
‘ A *Cancer* is a terrible *Malady*, and
‘ when fixed and ulcerated, is gene-
‘ rally incurable, by reaſon of its
‘ corroſive malign Venom ferment-
‘ ing in the Humours. When it is
‘ only a hard Tumour, or Node la-
‘ tent in the Glands of the Breaſt,
‘ without any Ulceration, *This Water*
‘ is of excellent Avail, and has been
‘ made Uſe of with great Succeſs;
‘ but where it is ulcerated, the Dan-
‘ ger is greater, and the Cure much
‘ more difficult. But even here, theſe
‘ Waters are of Service to allay the
‘ Heat of the Humours, abate the
‘ Pain, and procure Eaſe; and I
‘ have been aſſured, they have ſome-
‘ times affected a Cure, even in *Bleed-*
‘ *ing Cancers.*

‘ The Mention of this, brings to
‘ my Mind, the Caſe of *A Gentleman*
about ſixty Years of Age, who came
hither to drink the Waters; under this
Illneſs, a Cancer *had ſeiz'd the Root*
of his Tougue, and made ghaſtly Ulcers
in that ſpungy Part; the Phyſicians
and Surgeons ſpent their Skill upon it
ſome Time, but finding it too hard for

‘ *them,*

them, they ſent him to Briſtol *to drink the Waters; there he continued about ſix Weeks, and ſenſibly grew worſe; for the* Cancer *had eaten through one of the Blood-Veſſels, and caus'd a large Evacuation of Blood, which much weakned him before he came to* Holt, *and continually gave him a great deal of Pain. At his coming to* Holt, *he had a new Ulcer beginning in the Roof of his Mouth; this the Water ſoon cleans'd and heal'd, and the gargling his Mouth with them, gave him ſuch Eaſe under his Tongue, that he would often ſay,*

" That there was ſomething in theſe " Waters peculiarly adapted to his " Diſtemper; and that he verily be- " liev'd, if he had come hither, " when he went to *Briſtol*, it would " have given him a perfect Cure.

' A *Cancer* is at firſt only a meer ' Obſtruction of the Glands, where ' the Matter ſtagnating, becomes gra- ' dually more and more acrid, pro- ' duces pungent and gnawing Pains, ' and in Time grows corroſive, eating ' and mortifying the Parts around it. ' The Curre of it ſeems to conſiſt ' in theſe three Intentions: *Firſt*,

' The

'The forcing open the Obſtructions. 'Secondly, the correcting and evacu-'ating the hot, ſharp Humours; 'and, *Thirdly*, The preventing the 'Growth of the Tumour, and diſ-'poſing it to Diſcuſſion; and all 'theſe, this *Mineral Water* ſeems fit-'ted to effect; for by its *Deobſtru-'ent*, *Diuretic*, *Balſamic*, and *Diſcuſ-'ſive* Qualities, it breaks through 'the *Glandular Obſtructions*, dilutes, 'and depurates the Blood, allays its 'Heat, and corrects its Acrimony; 'ſoftens and ſmooths the animal 'Fluids, and at the ſame Time 'keeps up the Vigour of Digeſtion, 'to prepare better Juices.

'But, as in ſuch calamitous Caſes 'we ſhould call in all the Aſſiſtance 'we can to quell ſuch ſtubborn Ma-'ladies, ſo here the Patient, toge-'ther with the Water, may make 'Uſe of other Helps; may open an 'Iſſue in the Neighbouring Parts, to 'hinder the Afflux of Humours to 'the diſeaſed Place; muſt be care-'ful to avoid ſuch ſharp, hot, high-'ſeaſon'd Meats and Drinks, as may 'diſpoſe the Blood to Acrimony;

'and

and uſe a moiſtening, cooling, and thin Diet; abſtain from violent Motions, that may over-heat the Blood, from immoderate Watchings or Faſtings; and never give Way to any Tranſports of Paſſion; to the Exceſſes of Anger, Grief, or Care.

'The Waters, moreover, are in good Eſteem for the Cure of the *Leproſy*; a Diſeaſe that was formerly much more frequent in *England*, and about the Beginning of the *Norman* Reign, ſpread all over the Kingdom by Infection. It is either Hereditary, from a hot, ſaline *Semen*, or acquir'd by Salt Meats, in particular Conſtitutions. It is commonly diſtinguiſh'd into two Sorts, *viz.* the *Elephantiaſis*, and *Lepra Græcorum*, both proceeding from ſharp Humours in the Blood and Juices, thrown upon the Glands of the Skin, and there cruſting into hard Tubercles, or covering the Body with dry Scales, and a white Scurf.

'Now theſe Waters are peculiarly fitted for ſuch Illneſſes, as owe their

'Original

‘ Origine to ſharp Humours, and
‘ accordingly have done ſome re-
‘ markable Cures in *Leprous Caſes*.
‘ For inſinuating into the moſt re-
‘ mote Stages of Circulation, it clean-
‘ ſes the Execretory Ducts of the
‘ Cutaneous Glands; and diſſolving
‘ the acrid Salts, imbibes, and carries
‘ them out of the Body, through the
‘ Urinary Paſſages; for an inſuffici-
‘ ent Diſcharge by the Kidneys, is
‘ often a great Aggravation of this
‘ Diſtemper. The Salts being by this
‘ Means retain'd in the Blood, are
‘ thrown upon the Glands of the
‘ Skin, conſequently Diluters and Di-
‘ ureticks muſt be of Service; and
‘ in this Caſe, I know not a better
‘ than the *Holt Waters*.

‘ But the Miſchief is, few People
‘ have Patience to wait a Cure: For
‘ where Diſtempers are fix'd, and
‘ have gotten Head, or are Here-
‘ ditary, and interwoven with the
‘ Principles of Life, they are never,
‘ perhaps, to be totally overcome;
‘ at leaſt, a Cure is not to be ex-
‘ pected under a long Courſe of
‘ Alteratives; and this Water muſt

'work in the Way of an Alterative 'Medicine, *i. e.* by gradual and 'gentle Steps. And when a vicious '*Craſis* of the Blood is thus to be 'corrected, it muſt take up a good 'deal of Time to have the Medicine 'duly mix'd with the whole Maſs, 'which muſt be done before a perfect 'Cure is to be expected. 'Tis vain 'to imagine, that a Malignity con-'vey'd by ſlow Degrees into the 'Blood, ſhould be extirpated on a 'ſudden; or, a Diſtemper that has 'many Years been breeding in the 'Body, and perhaps ariſes from an 'Hereditary Taint, ſhould be car-'ried off in a little Time.

'But as in all *Cutaneous Foulneſ-'ſes*, it is neceſſary to waſh the Part 'affected with the Waters, ſo in '*Leprous* Caſes it will be proper to 'bath the whole Body in them two 'or three times a Week; and if 'the Springs will ſupply a ſufficient 'Quantity for Bathing, it is not to 'be doubted, but the Wells will 'afford frequent Inſtances of Cures 'of this Nature; and ſuch as labour 'under this unhappy Malady, may

'hope,

‘ hope, through the Bleſſing of God,
‘ here to find Relief and Remedy.

‘ Another Caſe, wherein the *Holt*
‘ *Waters* have been found to do good,
‘ is the *Chronical Rheumatiſm*; the
‘ Learned Dr. *Sydenham*, you know,
‘ acquaints us that there is a Sort of
‘ *Rheumatiſm* that has a very near
‘ Reſemblance to the *Scurvy*, which
‘ it imitates in its principal Symp-
‘ toms, and requires almoſt the very
‘ ſame Remedies; and therefore he
‘ ſays, it may fitly be called the
‘ *Scorbutic Rheumatiſm*. The Patient
‘ is afflicted with wandring Pains,
‘ which ſometimes ſeize one Limb,
‘ ſometimes another; and at other
‘ times aſſaults only the internal
‘ Parts, producing a Sickneſs which
‘ vaniſhes again as ſoon as the Pain
‘ returns to the outward Parts. It
‘ is attended with irregular Symp-
‘ toms, but no Fever; and he ob-
‘ ſerves, that it chiefly aſſaults Wo-
‘ men, and Men too, that are of a
‘ weak Conſtitution; and that they
‘ that have uſed the *Peruvian Bark*
‘ long, and often, are obnoxious to
‘ this Diſeaſe. Now, as *Holt Water*

' is an excellent Antiſcorbutic, it
' muſt be of ſingular Service in this
' Illneſs, to attemperate the Blood;
' and by its attenuating and deter-
' ſive Qualities, to break its Viſci-
' dities, open the Obſtructions of the
' ſmall Veſſels, thin the ſizy *Serum*,
' and ſo fit it to paſs off by Perſpi-
' ration and Urine.

' The next Illneſs that theſe Wa-
' ters ſtand highly recommended in,
' are *Sore Eyes*, which are ſometimes
' inflam'd with a hot briny Humour,
' flowing from the *Ciliary Glands*,
' whoſe Execretory Channels open
' upon the Edges of the Lids. The
' Office of theſe ſmall Glands, is to
' ſeparate a mucous Subſtance, or
' Wax, which faſtens the Eye-Lids
' while we ſleep; but ſometimes it
' happens theſe Glands are vitiated,
' and ſecrete a ſharp and acrid Juice,
' which corrodes the Cartilages of the
' Lids, and weakens the Eye, or
' emit their *Mucus* in ſuch Quan-
' tities, as to load the Lids with a
' dry Scurf, and in the Night-time
' ſeals them up, that they are not

' to

'to be opened without Difficulty 'and Trouble.

'Now, tho' we find that when 'peccant Humours have found Vent 'by the Glands of the Eyes, it is 'no eaſy Matter to reach 'em, yet 'Experience has ſhewn us, that this 'Water has been able to do it when 'other Methods have fail'd; for with 'continued Uſe, it enters the ſmall 'Veſſels, where no other Medicines 'can come, and extends its Influ-'ence to the remoteſt Glands, ab-'ſorbs the Salts, and by its Diuretic 'Quality, precipitates them through 'the Kidneys; and outwardly ap-'plied, it cools the inflam'd Parts, 'ſtraitens their Orifices, and cleanſes 'away the noxious Humours, or re-'pels them into the circulating Fluid, 'where the Mineral Particles meet 'with them, and turn them out of 'the Body by their proper Out-'lets.

'Another common Illneſs wherein 'this Water is of good Avail, is 'the *Piles*, and *Fiſtula's* thence ari-'ſing; the *Bleeding Piles* indeed, need 'not be ſtop'd, whilſt they diſcharge

'a groſs viſcous Blood, and in ſuch 'a moderate Quantity that the Pa-'tient bears the Evacuation well; 'for they purge the Body of fecu-'lent, bad Blood, and preſerve it 'from worſe Diſtempers: But if by 'Loſs of Strength, Pain in the Back 'and Thighs, Failing of Appetite, 'and Deadneſs of Look, it appears 'that the Flux is too much, and 'ought to be moderated, what Re-'lief may not reaſonably be expected 'from ſuch an excellent Cleanſer, 'Dryer, and Aſtringent, as the *Holt 'Waters* are?

'The *Blind Piles* are caus'd by a 'mucous, thick, ſtagnating Matter, 'obſtructing the Veſſels, and hinder-'ing the Circulation; ſo that the 'Blood which deſcends to the *Anus*, 'by the inferior *Meſenteric Artery*, '&c. inſtead of being carried back 'by the *Hæmorrhoidal Veins*, lodges 'in the inner Coats of the ſtreight 'Gut, and there neceſſarily excites 'Tumour, Inflammation, and Pain. 'To remedy which, theſe Waters 'ſeem well adapted, for they atte-'nuate, and diſſolve the ſizy Juices

'of

‘ of the Glands of the *Rectum*; and
‘ having cleans'd away the viſcid
‘ Matter, brace them up to their
‘ natural Tone; and by cooling the
‘ Parts, and correcting the ſharp
‘ *Serum*, they abate the Inflamma-
‘ tion, and allay the Pain. And even
‘ in Fiſtula's, they never fail to alle-
‘ viate the Symptoms, ſeldom fail to
‘ effect a Cure, having ſometimes
‘ brought ſuch ſeaſonable Relief, as
‘ hath not only carried off the Ill-
‘ neſs, but ſo effectually cleans'd and
‘ ſtrengthen'd the Parts, as to pre-
‘ vent its Return.

‘ This Water has been found like-
‘ wiſe of good Effect to carry off *Tuber-*
‘ *cles*, and *Fluſhings in the Face*, and *Itch-*
‘ *ing in the Skin*, by removing the Ob-
‘ ſtructions of the *Viſcera*, and attem-
‘ perating the ill Quality of the Blood.
‘ By its *Deterſive*, *Abſorbent*, and *Di-*
‘ *uretic* Quality, it cleanſes the Reins
‘ and Ureters; blunts the Acrimony
‘ of the Humours, and removes Sand
‘ and Slime obſtructing the Urinary
‘ Paſſages.

‘ By its Cleanſing and Aſtringency,
‘ it helps the *Fluor Albus*, occaſion'd
‘ from

' from a Relaxation and Weakneſs in
' the Glands of the *Uterus*; from
' whence iſſues a white, viſcid *Lympha*,
' which weakens the Sex very much,
' if it continues long upon 'em; for
' it mends the Digeſtions, attenuates
' the ſizy Juices, ſtrengthens the Tone
' of the Uterine Glands, and braces
' and ſtraitens their Orifices which are
' too lax and open, and thereby puts
' a Stop to the Diſorder.

' It has likewiſe been found of
' good Avail in curing *Old Gleets*,
' and ſtrengthening and healing Weak-
' neſſes in the Seminal Veſſels. In all
' *Venereal Taints*, there is an Acri-
' mony in the Juices, which corrodes
' the Veſſels, weakens their Tone, and
' occaſions Ulcerations: This Sharp-
' neſs of the Humours, the *Holt*
' *Waters* have a peculiar Quality to
' correct and remove, ſheathing the
' Pointed Angles of the acid Parti-
' cles, and cleanſing and healing the
' corroded Veſſels, and retrieving their
' natural Tone and Vigour.

' Its Efficacy has been likewiſe ex-
' perienced in *Loſs of Appetite*, and
' *bad Digeſtion*, when the Glands in

' the

‘ the Coat of the Stomach, which in
‘ a regular and healthful State, ſtrain
‘ off only ſuch Juices, and in ſuch
‘ Proportion, as are uſeful for the
‘ Office of Digeſtion, when theſe
‘ Strainers are relaxed, and thereby
‘ ſuffer an inordinate Plenty of viſ-
‘ cous, or ſharp Humours to paſs
‘ through their Channels, and empty
‘ themſelves into the Stomach, and
‘ filling it with crude and noxious
‘ Juices, hurt the Digeſtion; in ſuch
‘ Caſe, *This Water* is of ſignal Ser-
‘ vice, to cleanſe the Inſide of the
‘ Stomach from the Foulneſs that
‘ ſticks to it, to cloſe the Mouths of
‘ the Glands, brace the Fibres, and
‘ draw up the Membranes to their
‘ due Tenſity, and thereby ſtrengthen
‘ the Concoctive Powers.

‘ I was going to tell you, that
‘ *this Water* is eſteem'd good againſt
‘ the *Gout*, and in *White Swellings*,
‘ *Vertigo's*, *Heart-Burnings*, &c. But
‘ I check myſelf, leſt you ſhould think
‘ I propoſe to palm upon you an
‘ Empirical Medicine, and to make
‘ *Holt Water* good for every Thing:
‘ However, as it is a *Diluent*, *Diu-*

‘ *retic*,

'retic, and *Aſtringent*, there is no 'Doubt, but, if diſcreetly uſed, it 'may be of good Service in all 'theſe, and many other Caſes.

'But Experience is the beſt Proof, 'and convinces more than any Me-'thod of Reaſoning; the Living 'Teſtimonies of what it has done, 'are the moſt ſatisfactory Evidence 'of what it can do. A long Detail 'of theſe I might have tranſmitted 'to you, had due Care been taken 'to have recorded the remarkable 'Cures in all the fore-mention'd Caſes; 'particularly, in *Scurvies*, *Schropbu-'la's*, *Leproſies*, *Piles*, *Cancers*, &c. 'But this not being conſidered in 'Time, a vaſt Number of theſe are 'irretrieveably loſt: Such as my 'Memory can upon Recollection re-'cover, I ſhall ſome Time or other 'ſend you an Account of; or, ra-'ther, ſince you have Thoughts of 'making a Viſit to *Holt*, I ſhall de-'fer it, till I have the Happineſs of 'ſeeing you here.

'Thus, in Compliance with your 'Deſire, I have open'd to you a 'Treaſure of *Natural Phyſick*, provi-

'ded by the Author of Nature, to 'relieve the Miſeries of Human Life; 'but in recommending it, have been 'inſenſibly drawn into an improper 'Length; ſo that I believe I have 'ſufficiently tried your Patience, and 'given you Cauſe to wiſh you had 'been leſs inquiſitive into its Nature 'and Virtues; but my laſt Page is 'full, and I ſhall detain you no longer, 'than whilſt I repeat the Aſſurances 'I have often given you, that I am, 'with the utmoſt Sincerity,

Dear SIR,

Your very humble, and

moſt obedient Servant,

J. L.

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NUMB. I.

WIlliam Yerbury, of Orchardley, near Froome, in Somerſetſhire, had the Head of his Shoulder-Bone broke by a Waggon-Wheel going over it, which in Time grew Carious, and very painful, with divers Ulcers; and after five Years Suffering, he made Uſe of this Water, and by drinking it ſome time, and waſhing the Part affected with it, a great Piece of the round Head of the Shoulder-Bone,

where it is joyned to the *Scapula*, came out, (and is now to be seen at the Wells, and has been viewed by most of the Water-Drinkers there.) The Man is perfectly cured, and is in a Capacity to follow his Calling, and able to go through with most Parts of Husbandry-Work.

The Truth of this Case is witnessed by Mrs. Grace Harding, *Keeper of* Holt-Wells; *who likewise attests the Truth of all the following Cases, to which her Name is Subscribed.*

The Reverend Mr. Lewis, *Curate of* Holt, *will attest the Truth of this Case, and many of the most remarkable Cures which follow in the subsequent List.*

NUMB. II.

JOHN *Barnes*, of *Road*, in the County of *Somerset*, had a sharp corrosive Humour in his Leg and Arm, supposed to be the *King's-Evil*, under which he languished four Years, and could find no Cure from Surgery or Physick; but making Use of this Water, a large Part of the Bone

(*Radius*)

(*Radius*) of his Arm, in a ſhort time came out, and he was perfectly cured in ſeven Weeks.

Witneſs,

Grace Harding.

NUMB. III.

THESE are to Certify, That I *Anthony Roſe*, late of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, was ſeventeen Years ſorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil*; it was in my Right Arm, and, by my Friends Opinion, occaſioned by the Small Pox. It happened when I was about four Years of Age, and I was at leaſt three and twenty when cured, during which Time, I had the beſt Help, but to no Purpoſe, till the End of ſeventeen Years, when the Virtue of the *Holt Waters* being known to Mr. *Onſlow*, an Apothecary, in our Town of *Bradford*; upon which Diſcovery, I applied my ſelf to them, and in about eighteen Months I was perfectly cured, without uſing any other Remedy, not-

withſtanding I had no leſs than eleven Wounds, ſome of which were ſtanding from my firſt being afflicted with the Diſtemper. I had, during the Time I uſed the Water, no leſs than forty Bones, like thoſe of a Fiſh's Back, work out of the Wounds. The Truth of all which I am ready to make Oath of, if any are ſo curious in their Enquiry. Written and Signed by the ſaid

Anthony Roſe.

Sarum, Octob. 28, 1729.

N. B. *As the above* Numb. III. *is a Certificate of a very extraordinary Cure, it may not be improper to inform the Publick, that the ſaid* Anthony Roſe *is at this Time an Exciſe-Man in* Saliſbury, *where he delivered me the aforeſaid Certificate, in the Preſence of the Honourable Captain* William Herbert, *Son of the Right Honourable the Earl of* Pembroke, *to whom he ſhew'd his Arm; and likewiſe gave a very particular Account of his Caſe. The* Waters *were chiefly drank at* Bradford.

Numb. IV.

Palmer Wheat, of *Stanlake*, *Oxfordshire*, about fifteen Years of Age, had the *King's-Evil* in his Foot in so desperate a manner, that it was concluded his Leg must have been Cut off; but being advised to make use of *Holt Waters*, he was brought thither in the Month of *July*, and after the Waters had clear'd off several Pieces of the Bones, and much putrid Flesh, it heal'd his Wounds, and made a thorough Cure upon him.

Witness, *John Earle*, of *Holt*, with whom he lodged.

Numb. V.

A Young Man from *Scotland*, aged about twenty, came to *Holt* with a great many *Scrophulous Ulcers* in one of his Legs and Feet, which was so weakned and battered by it, that he could put no Stress upon it, but was forced to support himself with

with a Cane and a Crutch. The Bone was foul, and therefore the Cure was longer a perfecting; but the Man had Patience, and tho' his Circumſtances were ſo mean, that he ſubſiſted wholly upon the Charity of good People, he perſiſted in drinking and uſing the Water, till it had heal'd all his Wounds, and ſo ſtrengthen'd the Parts, that he could tread upon the Lame Foot as firmly as on the Sound; could run on Errands ſome Miles, and was able to do a Day's Labour, with as good Wages, as any Man. It was more than a Year and a half before the Cure was effected; and it is probable the Sores were longer in healing, by Reaſon of the Cold he underwent in the Winter, being forc'd to lodge in a Hay-Loft, upon a Bed of Straw, which gave him an Ague, that held him ſome Time, having no Fire but what the Humanity of a Farmer admitted him to.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding.*

This Caſe I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis *of* Holt.

NUMB. VI.

HAnnah *Whitehead*, late of *Mangotsfield*, near *Briſtol*, now living at *Holt*, and about fourteen Years of Age, had been afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in one of her Feet for ſeveral Years; the Bone was foul and carious, and after the Trial of other Methods without Succeſs, was at length ſent to *Holt*, for the Benefit of the Waters; by drinking of which, and waſhing the affected Part therewith, in ſome Time three or four Splints of the Bone work'd off, and at laſt ſhe was perfectly cured. Hereof I certify the Truth, this 19th Day of *January*, $17\frac{30}{31}$.

Hannah Whitehead.

NUMB. VII.

A Young Gentlewoman from *London*, about ſeventeen Years of Age, was afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in ſeverall Parts of the Body, and particularly in her Elbow, which had in a great meaſure depriv'd her of

of the Uſe of her Arms. She came to *Holt* in *Auguſt* 1727, where the Waters work'd off three Pieces of the Bone, one of which was as big as a Crow's Egg; and at length, after about eighteen Months, heal'd her Wounds, and ſo ſtrengthened her Arm, that ſhe was able to carry a Weight of fifteen Pounds with Eaſe.

Witneſs, *John Earl*, *Priſcilla Earl*, of *Holt*, with whom ſhe lodged.

NUMB. VIII.

ANNE *Boverie*, of *Phillips-out-Pariſh*, near the City of *Briſtol*, was ſorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for ſeveral Years, to that Degree, that ſhe had a great many Ulcers broke out in ſeveral Places, and not capable of ſtanding or walking without the Help of Crutches; but upon applying to the *Holt Waters*, and waſhing the Ulcers therewith, and drinking the Waters, was within ſix Months perfectly cured, and able

able to perform the Buſineſs of a Dairy-Maid.

Anne Boverie.

May 12, 1730.

Atteſted by *Hannah Haſkins*,
Mary Franklin.

The Waters were uſed at Briſtol.

NUMB. IX.

I *George Peep*, living in *Vine-Street*, *Briſtol*, had a Breaking out all over my Body, Face and Arms, with ſeveral Running Wounds, and could find no Relief, till I applied to the *Holt-Waters*; and by drinking and bathing with it, received a perfect Cure in ſix Months. *Note*, my Caſe was ſo deplorable, that my Life was much deſpaired of.

George Peep, Jun.

Briſtol, May 14, 1730.

N. B. *The Caſe of this young Man when he was firſt brought to* Holt, *was very deplorable; the Humour had ſeiz'd him from Head to Foot, ſo that he was almoſt one continued Sore; and*

it had weakned him to that Degree, that he could neither walk or ſtand upon his Feet, inſomuch that the Keeper of the Wells had ſcarce Courage enough to undertake the Cure. However, ſhe yielded to the Importunity of his Parents, and took him under her Care, and ſo diligently plied him with the Water, that in a few Months he was able to walk, run and ride, and in half a Year his Wounds were all heal'd. He grew briſk and active, and his Complexion look'd hale and clean; and he was ſent Home perfectly cured. Indeed his Eyes, which were extremely weak, and almoſt cloſed up, when he came to Holt, did not recover their Tone quite ſo ſoon; but by following the Water ſome time longer, they were likewiſe ſtrengthned and heal'd.

NUMB. X.

I *Elinor Harding*, of *Siſton*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, do Certify, That my Daughter, *Mary Harding*, was ſeveral Years ſorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, which broke out in her Face in a violent manner; but by

by drinking and washing the Parts with *Holt Waters*, was perfectly cured in four Months.

Elinor Harding.

May 9, 1730.

N. B. *The Waters were drank at her Home.*

NUMB. XI.

JAMES *Harkness*, of the Parish of *Hilsmorton*, in the Stewartry of *Annandale*, within the Shire of *Dumfries*, in *Scotland*, was sorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for many Years, having twenty-two sordid Ulcers in several Parts of his Body, and was perfectly cured by this Water.

Witness, *Grace Harding.*

NUMB. XII.

I *Martha Parker*, of *Trowbridge*, in the County of *Wilts*, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter, *Martha Parker*, was seiz'd with St. *Anthony*'s Fire in her Shoulder, which turn'd to an Evil Humour; that notwithstand-

ing all the Means us'd to heal it, it ſtill continued upon her, till we applied to the *Mineral Waters* at *Holt*, which, through God's Bleſſing, in two Months, heal'd her Wounds, and perfectly reſtor'd her Health, which ſhe has enjoyed to this Time, tho' ten Years ſince ſhe uſed the Waters. In Witneſs whereof, I have ſet my Hand, *Jan.* 25, 1730.

Martha Parker.

She began to drink the Waters in March, *and drank them at Home.*

Witneſs, Grace Harding.

NUMB. XIII.

I *Margaret Wood*, of the Pariſh of *Cliſton*, near the *Hot-Well*, *Briſtol*, do Certify, That I was afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for above ſeven Years, in ſo deſperate a manner, that it broke out all over my Body, Arms and Face; at length I applied myſelf to the *Holt Waters*, and with waſhing my Wounds, and drinking it, part-

ly

ly at Home, and partly on the Spot, was perfectly cured in five Months. Witneſs my Hand, *May* the 11th, 1730.

Margaret Wood.

NUMB. XIV.

MR. *Thomas Weare*, a Perſon of very good Account in *Briſtol*, was long afflicted with a Swelling in his Neck, which grew ſo large, and ſo very troubleſome, that he was at laſt adviſed to have it ripen'd and launc'd, which was done accordingly; and then it run at ſuch a Rate, as exhauſted him to the laſt Degree; when a Perſon who was acquainted with the *Holt Waters*, aſk'd him, *If he had never heard of the Cures done by the Waters at* Holt? Upon this, he reſolved to try thoſe Waters, and went directly to *Holt*, where he found ſuch Relief in a ſhort Space of Time, by drinking and waſhing the Parts affected, that from a very declining and weak Condition, he returned Home, as he ſaid, *Perfectly Well*: Only he continued the Uſe of the

Waters ſome Time at Home, for the confirming his Health. This was ſome Time ago, and the Gentleman is now living in a good State of Health, at the Fort in *Briſtol*.

N. B. *This was the Gentleman who firſt advis'd Capt.* Guſtavus Scot *to the Uſe of theſe Waters; who, from the Benefit he himſelf hath receiv'd from them, and the many great Cures he has ſeen wrought by them, being ever ſince a conſtant Viſitant at* Holt, *is a great Advocate for the Waters.*

NUMB. XV.

I *John Hunt*, of *Hawkeridge*, in the Pariſh of *Weſtbury*, Weaver, being afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for about two Years, was perfectly cured, by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and waſhing with the ſame, in about three Months Time.

Witneſs, *John Hunt.*

Feb. 16, 1729.

NUMB. XVI.

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I *Elizabeth Patten*, of *Holt*, now living near the *Mineral Wells*, was from my Birth ſo ſorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, as would be offenſive to mention the Particulars, having ſuch prodigious Sores as produced vaſt Quantities of Matter. I was reduced thereby to ſuch extreme Weakneſs, as there was no Hopes of any Cure; yet by drinking and waſhing my Wounds with *Holt Water*, I was perfectly recover'd, and have continued well ever ſince, being fifteen Years ago. Witneſs my Hand,

Elizabeth Patten.

Holt, Oct. 25, 1729.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding.*

N. B. *This was the Caſe that firſt rais'd the Reputation of the* Wells. Vid. pag. 8.

Numb. XVII.

MRs. *Keate*, of *Abington*, had a Scrophulous Humour in her Foot of nine Years ſtanding, and was cured by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

Numb. XVIII.

I *Betty Holly*, of the Pariſh of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*, being from my Infancy afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, by drinking the *Holt Water*, and waſhing with the ſame, was perefectly cured. Witneſs my Hand,

Betty Holly.

Jan. 23, 1729.

Numb. XIX.

THIS is to Certify, That my Siſter, *Rebecca Pearſe*, of *Broughton-Gifford*, in *Wiltſhire*, had about eighteen Months ſince, the *King's-Evil* in ſo violent a Degree, that ſhe had ſeven

ſeven large running Ulcers in one of her Thighs, of two Years ſtanding, and was perfectly cured by drinking and waſhing the Sores with *Holt Water*, during the Space of about ſix Months. Witneſs my Hand,

Anne Pearſe.

Holt, Oct. 25, 1729.

NUMB. XX.

JOHN *Walter*, of *Litton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, aged about twenty eight Years, was afflicted with a Swelling in his Knee, and a running Ulcer in his Groin of ſeveral Years ſtanding, came to *Holt* in the Month of *October*, and received a perfect Cure in two Months.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*, and *John Earl*, of *Holt*, with whom he lodged.

NUMB. XXI.

Holt, March 24, 1729.

THIS is to leave, to inform any that may come to this Place, that my Wife was very much afflicted with an *Ulcerous* and *Scrophulous Humour* in her Leg, for above twenty Years, and is now perfectly cured by this Water; which I and my Wife do Certify by our Hands,

Avon Croſs, *Mary Croſs*, of *Sherbourn*, in the County of *Dorſet*.

N. B. *The above Humour was occaſioned by the Bite of a Mad Dog.*

NUMB. XXII, *and* XXIII.

WE *John* and *Walter Smith*, Brothers, of the Pariſh of *Warminſter*, in the County of *Wilts*, do hereby Certify, That after our being moſt miſerably afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, inſomuch that we broke out in ſeveral Parts of our Bodies for above three

three Years, we applied our ſelves to the Uſe of the *Holt Waters* for almoſt two Summers, and came Home perfectly cured, and ſound, and do continue ſo. Witneſs our Hands this 17th of *Feb.* 1729.

John Smith,
Walter Smith.

N. B. *This Certificate came to me Sign'd likewiſe by Mr.* Ed. *and* Chriſtopher Cockey, *of* Warminſter, *as Witneſſes.*

Numb. XXIV.

I *Elizabeth Truman*, of the Pariſh of *Laycock*, in the County of *Wilts*, near *Chippenham*, was ſorely afflicted with the *King's-Evil* for ſeveral Years; but by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and waſhing the afflicted Part with them, was perfectly cured in three Months. Witneſs my Hand, *Jan.* 23, 1729.

Elizabeth Truman.

NUMB. XXV.

Feb. 18, 1729.

I *Sarah Ford*, of *Hawkeridge*, in the Pariſh of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, after having been violently bad of the *King's-Evil* for three Years, applied myſelf to the Uſe of the *Holt Waters*, and was perfectly Sound in ſix Months.

Sarah Ford.

NUMB. XXVI.

Malmsbury, Oct. 4, 1724.

Mrs. Harding,

I *Thank God that I have the Satiſfaction of acquainting you, and all Perſons that may enquire, that my Daughter*, Alice Williams, *is perfectly cured of the ſeveral Wounds in her Hand, Arms, Side, and Foot, (by God's Bleſſing) and the Means of your* Well-Water, *altho' of long ſtanding.*

Your humble Servant,

Henry Williams.

This

This is the Copy of a Letter ſent Mrs. *Grace Harding*, the Keeper of the Wells.

NUMB. XXVII.

Feb. 18, 1729.

I *Thomas Bartley*, of the Pariſh of *North-Bradley*, in the County of *Wilts*, do Certify, That my Siſter, *Jane Bartley*, of the Pariſh aforeſaid, was two Years afflicted with the *King's-Evil*, and by making uſe of the *Holt Waters*, was perfectly healed in ſix Months. Witneſs my Hand,

Thomas Bartley.

NUMB. XXVIII.

Aug. 22, 1730.

Madam,

I *Came ſafe to - - - - - where I found all Friends well, and greatly ſurpriz'd to ſee the good Effect of the Waters. Since I left* Holt, *I have mended every Day ſo faſt, that you would think it impoſſible: I have now*

no

no more than two Wounds; they are in my Legs, and will heal very ſoon. My Phyſician approves mightily of the Waters, and tells me there is nothing in the World could do me more Good, and deſires me not to neglect drinking them in the Fall and Spring, at fartheſt.

N. B. The above, is Part of a Letter to Mrs. *Mitchel*, of *Holt*, from a Perſon who was at *Holt* ſeven Weeks; and when firſt came, had many Wounds, beſides being broke out in many Parts of the Body.

NUMB. XXIX.

THomas *Cater*, of *Holt*, had three putrid, running Ulcers, ſuppoſed to be *Scrophulous*, which ſtunk ſo abominably, that his Neighbours could not bear his coming near them, for the noiſom Smell. His Circumſtances were ſo mean, that he could not procure any Help from Phyſicians or Surgeons; ſo he applied to this Remedy, which Nature's Hand had provided, and in ſome Time it cleans'd and heal'd his Wounds, and reſtor'd him to a ſound

and

and healthy Conſtitution. After this, he married, and had ſeveral Children, who were maintained by his Labour.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

This Caſe I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis *of* Holt.

NUMB. XXX.

A Child about ſeven Years of Age, had ſeveral Wounds in her Legs, ſuppoſed to be *Scrophulous*, which her Parents had endeavoured to get cured by Surgery and Phyſick, but in vain; whereupon ſhe was brought to *Holt*, and by a diligent Uſe and Application of the Water, her Sores were all heal'd in about ſix Weeks.

The Truth of this is atteſted by Grace Sartain, *of* Holt, *with whom ſhe lodged.*

NUMB. XXXI.

CHarity *Fowles*, of *Litton*, near *Wells*, in *Somerſetſhire*, about fourteen Years of Age, had a *ſcrophulous* Hu-

mour in her Eyes and Neck, and under the lower Jaws, where it had corroded the Glands, and made ſeveral Wounds, and had been upon her for four Years, till coming to *Holt*, *Anno* 1729, ſhe was heal'd of her Wounds by the ſole Uſe of the Waters, in about ſix Months.

Witneſs, *Anne Sartain*, of *Holt*, Widow, with whom ſhe lodged.

Numb. XXXII.

William Harding, a young Lad, of *Iron-Acton*, in *Glouceſterſhire*, had a grievous Swelling in his Lips, where a *ſcrophulous* Humour had infected the Glands, and ſeem'd to threaten an Ulceration; but upon applying to the *Holt Waters*, he was quickly reliev'd, and in ten Weeks Time was perfectly cured.

Witneſs, *John Maynard*, of *Holt*, with whom he lodged.

NUMB. XXXIII.

A Woman of *Frampton-Cotterel*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, about twenty five Years of Age, came to *Holt* about three Years ago in a lamentable Condition, with very large *ſcrophulous Wounds* in her Head and Neck: She had laboured under the Affliction for five Years, and could find no Remedy, till applying herſelf to the *Holt Waters*, ſhe was perfectly cured by them, and her Wounds heal'd in about eleven Weeks. The Truth hereof is atteſted by

Grace Harding, Keeper of the Wells; and *Francis Maynard*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. XXXIV.

A Young Woman about twenty-five Years of Age, had the *King's-Evil* in her Leg, juſt above the Ancle, and in one of her Toes, for four or five Years; to remedy which, after ſhe had tried many other

Means, to no Purpoſe, ſhe had recourſe to the *Holt Waters*, which ſhe drank at Home for ſome Time; and then coming to *Holt*, made uſe of it about ſix Months, and went away perfectly cured.

Witneſs, *Elizabeth Pretty*, of *Holt*, with whom ſhe lodged.

NUMB. XXXV.

I *Richard Broad*, of *Winſley*, in the Pariſh of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter had been afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in her Neck and Thighs for two Years, and was thoroughly cured by the *Holt Waters* in one Quarter of a Year, which ſhe began to drink about *Michaelmas*, and drank them at Home.

Witneſs my Hand, this 26th Day of *Jan. An. Dom.* 17$\frac{30}{31}$.

Richard Broad.

NUMB. XXXVI.

THomas ------, Servant to Sir *William Codarington*, Bart. having an old Ulcer in his Leg of many Years ſtanding, came to *Holt* in *April* 1730, and received a perfect Cure in ſix Weeks.

Witneſs, *William Mole*, of *Holt*, with whom he lodged.

NUMB. XXXVII.

Holt, *Oct.* 26, 1730.

WIlliam *Hill* was ſent down to *Holt* in *March* laſt, by the Recommendation of Dr. *Barraby*, he being at that Time Servant to the Lady *Hicks*, at *London*. He was, when ſent down, afflicted with a Leproſy, having a white Scurf all over his Head, Breaſt, Arms and Legs; but is this Day returning to *London*, perfectly well, and clear from any Scurf: Which great Cure, under God, is intirely owing to the *Holt Waters*,

(particularly that from the *Great Noſe-Pump.*) He hopes this publick Notice may be of Service to others, and humbly deſires the Lady *Hicks*, and Dr. *Barraby*, to accept of his publick Thanks for their Favour. Witneſs my Hand,

William Hill.

Numb. XXXVIII.

A Child of *Edward Edwins*, of the *Devizes*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of a *Leproſy* by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding.*

Numb. XXXIX.

JOHN *Bricker*, Son of *John Bricker*, late of *Corſham*, in the County of *Wilts*, Certifies, That his ſaid Father was afflicted with a *Leproſy* for ſeveral Years; but, after he drank the *Mineral Waters* at *Holt*, and waſhed therewith, the Humours ceaſed. Witneſs my Hand, this 11th Day of *November*, 1729.

John Bricker.

Numb.

Numb. XL.

I *Jane Stevens*, of *Holt*, was broke out all over my Body in large Patches, which roſe to a white Scurf; under which, the Fleſh appear'd very red and angry, and was ſo excedingly troubleſome by its burning, ſmarting and itching, that I was very much depriv'd of Sleep, but was intirely cured in a few Months by *Holt Waters*.

Witneſs, *Jane Stevens.*

Numb. XLI.

A Gentlewoman in *Wiltſhire*, came to *Holt*, with a Leproſy all over her Face; but by drinking and waſhing with the *Holt Waters*, was perfectly cured in five Weeks.

This from Captain Guſtavus Scot, *who lodged in the ſame Houſe.*

NUMB. XLII.

A Young Gentleman affected with an Hereditary Leproſy, which appear'd all over him in Blotches, of the Bigneſs of Half-a-Crown, cover'd with a browniſh Scurf, went to *Holt*, and, by drinking the Waters there, in two Months went away perfectly cured.

This I had from George Penruddock, *of* Broad-Chalk, Wilts, *Eſq;*

NUMB. XLIII.

Sarum, Nov. 23, 1730.

ESſex *Albert*, Son of the Reverend Mr. *Albert*, late Vicar of *Sarum*, had a white Scurf, which came over his Arms, Legs and Face in ſo violent a Degree, that he was for three Weeks blind with it; but was cured this laſt Summer by drinking the *Holt Waters*.

Witneſs, *Eſſex Albert.*

NUMB. XLIV.

A Young Woman, aged about twenty-one Years, living at *Winchester*, was afflicted with a *Leprosy* all over her Body, which not yielding to other Methods of Relief, she was sent to *Holt*, where, by the sole Use of the Waters, she was intirely freed from that unhappy Malady, being perfectly cured in about seventeen Weeks.

Witness, *Grace Harding*, Keeper of the Wells, and *Francis Maynard*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. XLV.

ANNE Orchard, of the *Devizes*, in the County of *Wilts*, about fifteen Years of Age, had a *Leprosy* from her Birth, over her whole Body, her Bed every Morning being cover'd with *Leprous Scales*, and could find no Cure till she came to *Holt*, where she soon found Relief, and was heal'd of her Distemper in six Months.

Witness, *John Earl*, *Priscilla Earl*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. XLVI.

NOtwithſtanding it is a conceiv'd Opinion that *Cancers* are incurable, yet the following Evidence can't but convince, that theſe *Waters* have effected Cures, (tho' perhaps a perfect Cure is not always to be depended on in this Particular) as is the Caſe of Mrs. *Conſett*, who lodges at Mrs. *Burley*'s, a *Sword-Cutler*, near *Grays-Inn-Gate*, in *Holborn*, and has had for ſeveral Years, a *Cancer* in her Breaſt; and being adviſed to the Uſe of the *Holt-Waters*, ſhe has receiv'd great Benefit from them: For they have, in great meaſure, ever ſince *Auguſt*, 1728, prevented the Progreſs of the Humour, and have afforded her much Eaſe, ſhe being now ſenſible of an additional Pain, if the *Waters* be not conſtantly applied; and they have entirely carry'd off a Heat in her Blood, to which ſhe was ſubject, when ſhe began to drink theſe *Waters*. And it may reaſonably be ſuppos'd, that ſhe would have found greater Benefit, (notwithſtanding the Diſadvantage of

an

an advanc'd Age) if not an entire Cure, could ſhe have been prevail'd on to have drank the uſual Quantity, or a larger Quantity, by reducing part of it by Evapóration; inſtead of which, ſhe has never drank more than One Half of the preſcrib'd Quantity, *viz.* a Pint and a Half a Day.

I likewiſe knew another Caſe, of a Lady that was very near her End, from a Cancerous Breaſt, yet found great Eaſe from the Uſe of theſe *Waters*, tho' applied too late, to hope for further Benefit.

Another Inſtance of the like Nature, may be found, *fol.* 45, mention'd by the Reverend Mr. *Lewis*, of *Holt*.

N.B. *Both theſe Perſons drank the Waters in* London.

Numb. XLVII.

I *Jane White*, of *Hanham*, in the Pariſh of *Bitton*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, do Certify, That I had a *Cancer*

Cancer in my Breaſt, which broke in ſeveral Places, and could find no Relief; at length I applied myſelf to drink, and waſh the Wounds with *Holt Water*, which perfectly cured me in about two Months, and I continue perfectly well, it being ſix Years ſince. Witneſs my Hand,

Jane White.

April 17, 1730.

NUMB. XLVIII.

ANNE *Powel*, of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, about ſeven or eight Years ago, was troubled with a ſore Breaſt; it was, in the Opinion of the Phyſicians, a *Cancerous Humour*, that came with a hard Bunch, ſuppoſed to be the Effects of a Cold: By the Advice of Doctors, ſhe made ſeveral Applications to it; the Swelling broke in ten Weeks Time; after which, it continued running very much; but, upon drinking the *Holt Waters*, and applying a wet Cloth dipp'd in them, ſhe found amazing Relief in twenty-four Hours,

and

and was in a few Days perfectly recovered. Witneſs my Hand,

Anne Powel.

N.B. *The Waters were uſed at Home.*

NUMB. XLIX.

Catharine Berryman, of *Biſly*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, having had a very ſore Breaſt for two Years, which ſhe apprehended to proceed from a *Cancerous Humour*, received a great Benefit from the *Holt Waters*, her Breaſt being perfectly heal'd in about ſix Weeks. Witneſs,

Catharine Berryman.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding.*

NUMB. L.

A Young Woman, between twenty and thirty Years of Age, came to *Holt* with an *incipient Cancer* in her Breaſt; the Cancerous Node was as large as a Pullet's Egg, and to the Feeling, hard, like a Bone, and

gave her from Time to Time sharp pricking Pains, as if pierced by Needles; but by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and often bathing her Breast with it warm, and gently rubbing it with her Hand on the diseased Part, the hard Lump soon began to lessen; and by the continued Use and Application of the Water, at length intirely disappear'd.

This Case I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

Numb. LI.

A Young Gentleman from *London*, about eighteen Years of Age, came to *Holt* with an *Ozana* in his Nose, supposed to be Cancerous, in which the *Mucus* being corrosive, had damaged the Arches of the Nostrils, but had not seiz'd the upper Cartilage; his Face look'd fiery about the Cheeks and Eyes, emitting sometimes a briny Humour, and at other times cover'd with Scales. It had been upon him eight Years, and his Friends had, with great Expence, tried many other

other Methods of Cure, without Succeſs, till they had ſent him to *Holt*, where the Waters made a perfect Cure upon him.

This Caſe I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

NUMB. LII.

A Young Man from *Briſtol*, about ſixteen Years of Age, came to *Holt* with a *Cancerous Humour* in his Lips and Mouth, which were almoſt cloſed up with it; he diligently ſet himſelf to the Uſe of the Waters, applying outwardly Cloths dipp'd therein; and often renewing them, and continually from Time to Time ſipping ſmall Draughts of the Water, till in a ſhort Time he found Relief, and in a few Months a perfect Cure.

This I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

NUMB. LIII.

ELizabeth *Roberts*, of *Kings-Wood*, near *Briſtol*, was afflicted with the *Scurvy* three Years, and was perfectly cured by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

N. B. *The Waters were uſed at Home.*

NUMB. LIV.

THomas *Elliot*, of *Turly*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of the *Scurvy* by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

NUMB. LV.

THIS is to Certify, That Mrs. *Grantham*, Inhabitant of the City of *Wincheſter*, in the Pariſh of St. *Thomas*, being greatly afflicted with the *Scurvy*, has received much Benefit by drinking the *Holt Waters*; whereas, after ſeveral Years Trial, ſhe

ſhe could receive no ſuch Cure from Phyſick. In Teſtimony whereof, we ſubſcribe our Names,

William Jefferies, Rector of St. *Thomas*, in *Wincheſter*.
John Pardue, Church-Warden.

NUMB. LVI.

A Child about five Years of Age, much afflicted with a Scorbutick Humour over his whole Body, which had been upon him from his Infancy, being ſuppoſed to arrive from a diſtempered Nurſe, was perfectly heal'd by drinking and waſhing with the *Holt Waters*, in about three Months.

Witneſs, *Grace Sartain*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. LVII.

ANNE *Stanbrook*, of *Melkſham*, near *Holt*, now living at *Devizes*, aged about thirty, was grievouſly afflicted with the *Scurvy* all over her

Head and Face, where it had ſeiz'd her Eyes, and much weakned her Sight. She came to *Holt*, and drank and waſhed with the Waters about five Months, and went away perfectly cured, and continues free from the Illneſs which brought her hither.

Witneſs, *John Earl*, and *Priſcilla Earl*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. LVIII.

A Young Gentlewoman of *London*, about eighteen Years of Age, was afflicted with a *Scorbutic Humour* all over her Hands, and ſome Part of her Body, came to *Holt* in *January* about four Years ago, and by drinking and waſhing with the Water, was cured in about nine Months.

Witneſs, *Elizabeth Sparkes*, of *Holt*, with whom ſhe lodged.

NUMB. LIX.

A Gentlewoman between twenty and thirty Years of Age, being ſeverely afflicted with the *Scurvy* all over her Body, came to *Holt* for the Benefit of the Waters, in *April* 1727, and received a perfect Cure in five Months.

Witneſs, *Elizabeth Sparkes*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. LX.

I *Daniel Rolf*, Blackſmith, of the Pariſh of *Larkington*, near *Badmington*, in the County of *Wilts*, was afflicted with a violent Humour, which eat up all my Skin from the Hip, to the Top of my Toes. I was as raw as a flea'd Sheep; I drank and waſh'd myſelf with the *Holt Waters*, which made me whole in three Weeks, and perfect in ſeven.

Oct. 2, 1724. *Daniel Rolf.*

N. B. *This Man, who was about fifty Years of Age, had been afflicted with*

with that ſharp, corroſive Humour, which ſtrip'd him of his Skin for above a Year and a half before he came to Holt; *nor could he by all the Methods of Surgery or Phyſick, recover a new Skin on his Thighs, Legs and Feet. He tried the* Bath *to no Purpoſe, and when he came to* Holt, *the Waters at firſt ſeem'd to make him worſe, and he was ſo much diſorder'd by them, that he began to diſpair of finding Relief here; but being encourag'd to go on, by hearing that the Waters did often diſorder ſuch as had any violent, ſharp Humours in their Blood, before it cured 'em, he perſiſted in the Uſe of it, and, within a Month, had a new Skin from his Hip downwards; and in leſs than two Months, ſet the Bells a ringing for Joy that he was perfectly whole.*

Witneſs, Grace Harding.

NUMB. LXI.

IN the Year 1729, *May* 3. a young Man about thirty Years of Age, came to *Holt*, recommended to the Waters by a Phyſician at the *Bath*.

He

He had an exceeding ſharp Humour in his Blood, which on a ſudden would ariſe in Bliſters on his Skin, about the Bigneſs of a Pea, and increaſe, and fill in a few Hours, to the Largeneſs of an Egg; and then being diſcharged, the Place became raw, ſore, and very painful. Ten, and ſometimes more of theſe Bliſters, would ariſe in twenty-four Hours, and the Diſtreſs it brought him under was ſo great, and his Pains ſo violent, before he came to *Holt*, that he often wiſh'd Death might give him a Diſcharge, deſpairing of any Relief by Human Means, having been twice Salivated without any Benefit; but applying to theſe Waters, they quickly deſtroy'd the Acrimony of the Humours, and freed him from this terrible Complaint in ſeventeen Weeks. The Truth of this is atteſted by

Jeremiah Godwyn, and *Priſcilla Godwyn*, with whom he lodged.

This I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

NUMB.

NUMB. LXII.

A Clergyman, whom I met at *Holt*, in *November* laſt, in Company with *Edward Liſle* of *Moyles-Court*, Eſq; and the Reverend Mr. *Lewis* of *Holt*, aſſured me, that his Wife having had a violent Humour in her Face, was perfectly cured by theſe Waters, and that her chief Method of drinking the Waters, was by making her Tea with them.

Drank at Home.

NUMB. LXIII.

ANNE *Armſtrong*, in *Bull-Yard*, *Windmil-Street*, had her Hands and Arms cover'd by ſmall Bliſters, which had roſe in great Quantities, and occaſion'd, as was the Opinion of Sir *John Shadwell*, M.D. (by whom ſhe was recommended to me, as an Object of Charity) by a Surfeit in the Blood, was cured by ſix Bottles of the *Holt Waters*, taking Aſſiſtant Medicines with them.

N. B. The

N. B. The Water was drank in *London*, from *Harris's* Well.

NUMB. LXIV.

A Gentleman who was much troubl'd with large Pimples on his Face, which often became white-headed, was cured by the *Holt Waters*.

This was the Caſe of an Acquaintance of my own, who drank the Waters in London, *from the* New Well.

NUMB. LXV.

A Gentleman between thirty and forty Years of Age, afflicted with a ſharp Humour in his Face, which look'd red and fiery, and was cover'd with Scales, was cured by the *Holt Waters* in about three Months.

Witneſs, *Mary Kendal*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. LXVI.

Mrs. Harding,

I *Sent laſt Summer one of the beſt Friends I had, to* Holt; *he came a Journey of above fourſcore Miles: His Illneſs was the* Piles, *of which he was very near Death laſt Year; and finding a Tendency to them again, came to your Waters, which has done him vaſt Good. I never ſaw him better in my Life.*

N. B. This is a Paragraph of a Letter to Mrs. *Harding*, the Keeper of the Wells.

NUMB. LXVII.

A Certain Perſon who had been ſorely afflicted with the *Piles* for ſeveral Years, came to *Holt*, and drank the Waters one Summer, was perfectly cured, and has continued well ever ſince, which is ſome Years.

N. B. *The Name of this Perſon, and ſome others, are deſignedly conceal'd; I not having their Conſent for making them publick.*

NUMB.

NUMB. LXVIII, *and* LXIX.

I *John Earle*, of *Holt*, being troubled with *Piles* three Years, to ſuch a Degree that I was uneaſy even in my Bed, but being adviſed to drink the *Holt Waters* by a Gentleman that had received great Benefit in the like Caſe, was perfectly cured in ſix Weeks. Witneſs my Hand,

John Earle.

NUMB. LXX.

I *Andrew Beverſtock*, of *Holt*, being much afflicted with the *Piles*, was cured by the *Holt Water* in a Fortnight, from the *Great-Noſe-Pump*. Witneſs my Hand this 25th of *Jan.* $17\frac{30}{31}$.

Andrew Beverſtock.

NUMB. LXXI.

I *Edward Hathway*, in the Pariſh of *Puckle-Church*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, do Certify, That my Son, *Robert Hathway*, being afflicted with

an Inflammation in his Eyes for near twelve Years, ſo that he deſpair'd of his Sight, did, upon Application to the *Holt Water*, within three Months, receive a perfect Cure.

Edward Hathway.

May 9, 1730.

NUMB. LXXII.

HEnry *Greenaway*, of *Broad-Hinton*, in the County of *Wilts*, had been troubled with ſore Eyes eleven Years, and was cured by this Water in ſix Months.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding.*

NUMB. LXXIII.

I *George Gould*, Sen. of the Pariſh of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*, had a moſt fiery hot Inflammation over all my Face, which at length ſettled in my Noſe; but by waſhing my Noſe with the *Holt Waters*, and drinking it for ſome time at Home, I was perfectly cured, and am free from the leaſt

leaſt Appearance of it. Witneſs my Hand, *Jan.* 23, 1729.

George Gould.

NUMB. LXXIV, *and* LXXV.

I *John Barrat*, living in *Peter-Street*, *Briſtol*, do hereby Certify, That having two Children very much afflicted with *Sore Eyes*, cauſed by a ſharp *Rheum*, I was adviſed to make uſe of the *Holt Waters*, by waſhing their Eyes with it, and, to my great Satisfaction, it has perfectly recovered them, and in a very ſhort Time. And, to do Juſtice to the ſaid Waters, and recommend the Uſe of them to any Perſon who is diſeaſed in the ſame manner, I give this under my Hand, this 29th Day of *January*, *A. D.* 1730.

John Barrat.

The above Certificate is an Inſtance of Generoſity, as well as Juſtice to the Holt Waters, *Mr.* Barrat *being concerned in the* New Springs *at* Briſtol.

N. B. *Theſe Waters were uſed at* Briſtol.

NUMB. LXXVI.

I *John Weſton*, of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*, do Teſtify, That my Daughter, *Anne Weſton*, of the Pariſh and County above-mentioned, was ſorely afflicted with a fiery, hot Humour, which no Medicines could ſtop; at length, being adviſed to waſh with, and drink the *Holt Waters*, ſhe was perfectly cured by the ſame. Witneſs my Hand,

John Weſton.

Jan. 23, 1729.

NUMB. LXXVII.

S*Amuel Pill*, near St. *Peter's Pump*, in the City of *Briſtol*, had lately a violent Humour in both his Eyes, which occaſioned his being for ſome time almoſt blind; but, upon drinking, and applying *Holt Water* to his Eyes, he was perfectly cured in about a Week's Time. Witneſs my Hand, this Tenth Day of *March*, 1729.

Samuel Pill.

The Water was drank at Briſtol.

NUMB. LXXVIII.

I *Elizabeth Plane*, Glazier, near the *Pithay-Gate*, in the City of *Briſtol*, do hereby Certify, That having a Sore Eye, which was judged to be a *Fiſtula*, waſh'd my Eye with *Holt Water*, and in a Fortnight's Time was perfectly cured.

Elizabeth Plane.

Briſtol, March 12, 1729.

The Water was uſed at Briſtol.

NUMB. LXXIX.

A Lady of Noble Birth, being in an advanc'd Age, was ſeverely puniſh'd with Sore Eyes, the *Mucus* excreted from the Ciliary Glands being ſo plentiful and glutinous, that at Night her Eyes were ſealed up with it, and it coſt a good deal of Time and Trouble every Morning to get them open. She applied, on this Occaſion, to a Phyſician of good Skill and Judgment, who, after the Trial of other Methods, to no Pur-

poſe, directed her to the Uſe of the *Holt Water*, which effected the Cure.

This I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

NUMB. LXXX.

A Child, about three Years of Age, living at *Trowbridge*, in the County of *Wilts*, was ſent to *Holt*, with a violent Humour ſettled in her Eyes, which had almoſt depriv'd her of Sight, and was cured in ſix Weeks.

Witneſs, *John Earl*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. LXXXI.

I *William Evens*, of *Abington*, in the County of *Berks*, was for ſeveral Years afflicted with a Sore Leg, occaſioned by a Sprain, in ſo deſperate a manner, that I could find no Relief; at length I applied myſelf to the *Holt Waters*, and by drinking and waſhing with the ſame for about eight Months, was perfectly cured. Witneſs my Hand,

Feb. 20, 17$\frac{29}{30}$. *William Evens.*

NUMB. LXXXII.

I *John Barnet*, Sadler, near the *Pithay-Gate*, in the City of *Briſtol*, do hereby Teſtify, That having a very bad Sore Leg, with a great Inflammation, which occaſioned full thirty running Wounds, was, by drinking the *Holt Waters*, and waſhing the Wounds with the ſame, perfectly cured in about three Months. Witneſs my Hand,

John Barnet.

May 12, 1729.

N. B. *He drank it at* Briſtol.

NUMB. LXXXIII.

THIS is to Certify, That I *Margaret Moon*, of the Pariſh of *Melkſham*, in the County of *Wilts*, after being ſome Time ſorely afflicted with an Ulcer in my Leg, by drinking the *Holt Water*, and bathing my Leg with the ſame, I was perfectly cured.

Witneſs, *Margaret Moon.*

March 30, 1730.

NUMB. LXXXIV.

GRace Pockeridge, of *Road*, in the County of *Somerset*, was cured of an Old Ulcer in her Leg, of twenty-six Years ſtanding, by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

NUMB. LXXXV.

GRace May, of *Warley*, near *Bath*, was cured of an Old Ulcer in her Leg by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

N. B. *The Waters were drank at Home.*

NUMB. LXXXVI.

I *Henry Jones*, of *Briſtol*, do hereby Teſtify, That my Son was ſeverely afflicted with a Sore Leg, and running Sores all over his Body; his Leg was ſo extreme bad, it muſt have been Cut off, but by applying *Holt Water* to the

the Wounds, and drinking the ſame, was perfectly cured in twelve Months. Witneſs my Hand this 12th Day of *March*, 1729.

Henry Jones, Baſket-Maker, in the *Pithay-Gate*.

It was drank at Briſtol.

NUMB. LXXXVII.

JOHN *May*, of *Warley*, near *Bath*, was cured of Sore Legs by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

The Water was uſed at Home.

NUMB. LXXXVIII.

THE Wife of *Benjamin Stevens*, of *Trowbridge*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured by this Water of an Old Ulcer.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

NUMB.

Numb. LXXXIX.

MARY *Amor*, of *Bromham*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of Sore Legs by this Water.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

N. B. *The Waters were drank at Home.*

Numb. XC.

MRs. *Elizabeth Orchard*, of *Devizes*, was cured of two Ulcers in her Legs, of ſeveral Years ſtanding, by this Water.

Numb. XCI.

ELizabeth *Aſhman*, of *North-Bradley*, in the County of *Wilts*, was cured of a large, foul Ulcer upon her Ancle, of eight Years ſtanding, by this Water.

Numb. XCII.

RIchard *Cole*, of *Spaxton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was cured of five large Ulcers in his Legs, of almoſt

almoſt four Years ſtanding, by this Water.

N.B. *Theſe three laſt Caſes were publiſhed, and atteſted by Mr.* Harris, *Apothecary, of* Bradford; *and the Cures were performed by the Well, commonly call'd* Harris's *Well.*

NUMB. XCIII.

A Servant of *Thomas Archer*, of *Hele*, Eſq; Groom-Porter, was cured of a Sore Leg of long Continuance, in a few Weeks, by the *Holt Waters*, laſt Summer, 1730.

NUMB. XCIV.

A Clergyman, who had ſore Legs, and had drank *Mineral Waters* for twenty-one Years, without any conſiderable Benefit, was perfectly cured in ſix Weeks by the *Holt Waters*, this laſt Summer, 1730.

This I received from Mrs. Mitchel *of* Holt, *and ſeveral others, to whom he acknowledged the Cure.*

NUMB. XCV.

THomas Hyett, of *Trowbridge*, near *Holt*, Plumber, had a Sore Leg for eight Years, which could not be heal'd by any outward Application; but after having made Uſe of *Holt Water* for ſome Time, ſtanding about two or three Hours in the *New-Well*, in order to ſolder the Pump, the Plaiſter fell off the next Day, and the Wound was perfectly heal'd.

Witneſs, *Thomas Sartain*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. XCVI.

MARY *Fudge*, of *Crokham-Pill*, below *Briſtol*, about fifty Years of Age, had an Ulcer for many Years in her Ancle, upon the Joint, ſuppoſed to owe its Riſe to the *Itch* not well cured, came to *Holt* in the Month of *Auguſt*, and having made uſe of the Waters about ten Months, went away perfectly cured.

Witneſs, *Francis Earl*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. XCVII.

A Certain Gentleman, who deſires his Name may be conceal'd, had for two Years a ſtubborn Gleet, which nothing could ſtop; till he was adviſed to drink the *Holt Waters*, from which he found immediate Benefit, and was perfectly cured in five Weeks. This was effected by the *Water* from the *New Well.*

N. B. *The Waters were drank in* London: *The Truth of this I can atteſt, the Perſon being my particular Acquaintance. I likewiſe know ſeveral other Inſtances of the like Nature; but Names in theſe Caſes are not to be expected.*

NUMB. XCVIII, *and* XCIX.

A Captain of a Ship, living at *Briſtol*, was cured of a *Fiſtula in Ano*, after three times Cutting, by this Water.

The Truth of this Caſe is atteſted by Mr. *John Baker*, living at *Briſtol*, in *Temple-Street*, who owns that he has likewiſe receiv'd great Benefit himſelf by the *Holt* Waters.

Drank by both Parties at Briſtol.

NUMB. C.

A Gentlewoman, who had been every Winter troubled with Chilblains, to ſo great a Degree that ſhe could not walk without much Pain, was perfectly cured by drinking and waſhing the affected Parts with *Holt Waters*, and has never ſince been troubled with them to any Degree.

This Caſe I receiv'd from Mrs. Mitchel, *of* Holt, *the Perſon being her Acquaintance, and to whom ſhe ſent the Water, which was drank at a Diſtance from* Holt.

NUMB.

NUMB. CI.

A Child, from *Kington St. Michael's*, in the County of *Wilts*, was, after a Fever, ſeized with violent Pains in one Side of his Belly, where the Febrile Matter was collected into a large Swelling, which obliged his Friends to apply to a Surgeon for Help. The Tumour being opened, diſcharged a great Quantity of foul, purulent Matter, and continued running for a long Time, no outward Applications availing to ſtop it. After many ſucceſsleſs Trials of other Means, they made uſe of *Holt Water*, which, in a ſhort Time, cleanſed and healed the Wound, and ſafely effected the Cure. This was done by the *Great Noſe-Pump*.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

This I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

NUMB. CII.

I *Mary Jordan*, of *Holt*, was troubled with a grievous Running Ulcer in one of my Legs, which came upon me after a Fever, and continued ſeveral Years, and I could find no Cure from any outward Applications, till having Recourſe to the Waters at *Holt*, I found Relief, and was in ſome Time perfectly well. Witneſs my Hand this 25th Day of *January*, $17\frac{30}{31}$.

Mary Jordan.

NUMB. CIII.

A Gentlewoman between thirty and forty Years of Age, was ſorely afflicted with a Scal'd Head, which would yield to no Medical Preſcriptions; but having Recourſe to theſe Waters, they, in ſome Time, clear'd away the white Scurf, and freed her from this unhappy Malady.

This I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis, *which is the only Caſe of*

thoſe

thoſe receiv'd from him, which is not of his own Knowledge; this being communicated to him by a Perſon of unqueſtionable Veracity.

NUMB. CIV.

A Perſon in *London*, much afflicted with the *Colick*, after having tried various Medicines to no Purpoſe, was immediately relieved by the *Holt Waters*, and continues well, being before much ſubject to it.

I received this Account from the Reverend Mr. Webſter, *Curate of St.* Dunſtan's, Fleet-Street, *and the Waters were drank in* London.

NUMB. CV.

THE like Caſe, as the preceding one, I had from ----- *Alexander*, Eſq; of *Doctors Commons*.

N. B. *The Waters were drank in* London.

NUMB. CVI.

A Perſon who had ſuffered much by the Relicts of the *Venereal Diſeaſe*, received great Benefit by theſe Waters.

This Account I had from the Party.

NUMB. CVII.

Avis Cottell, of *Monkton-Farleigh*, in the County of *Wilts*, had a very Sore Leg, ſwell'd to a prodigious Bigneſs, which was, in all Appearance, the Effect of a Dropſy; it was very painful, and a continual Humour running from it, which was thought to be incurable; but by two Months drinking the *Holt Waters*, without any other Means, or Application whatſoever, ſhe was perfectly recovered of the Diſorder, with all its Symptoms, and her Leg reſtored to be as ſound and ſtrong as ever, and continued ſo for many Years, to the Day of her Death; which I, her Huſband, declare to be a true Account. Witneſs my Hand,

John Cottell.

Witneſs, *Grace Harding*.

NUMB. CVIII, *and* CIX.

AN Inhabitant of *Holt*, and his Wife, were both in a moſt miſerable Condition, with a confirm'd and inveterate *Itch*, to that Degree, that they could obtain no Reſt, Night or Day; but were both perfectly cured by drinking and waſhing with *Holt Waters*.

The Truth of the above, I have heard atteſted by ſeveral of the Inhabitants of Holt, *who have heard him frequently acknowledge it; particularly by* Hannah Harding, *to whom he has many times declared it.*

NUMB. CX.

WIlliam *Baker*, of *Farmborough*, in the County of *Somerſet*, aged about twenty, being Hydropical, and very much ſwell'd in his Legs and Thighs, came to *Holt* in the Month of *March*, and the Waters carried off the Humours, and freed

freed him from his Complaints in three Months.

Witneſs, *Elizabeth Sparks*, of *Holt*.

NUMB. CXI.

I *Samuel Allen*, of *Temple-Street*, *Briſtol*, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter, *Martha Allen*, having taken *Mercury* not well prepared, it had ſuch an ill Effect upon her, that ſhe broke out in Puſtules in her Face, eſpecially about her Lips and Eyes, in a very grievous manner, for above a Year; when, applying to the *Holt Waters*, ſhe received a perfect Cure in ſix Months. Witneſs my Hand, this 29th of *Jan.* $17\frac{30}{31}$.

Samuel Allen.

NUMB. CXII.

I *James Silby*, of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, was afflicted with the *King's-Evil* in the Pit of my Stomach, to a violent Degree, and could find no Relief, till I applied to the

Uſe

Uſe of the *Holt Waters*; when, by drinking and waſhing my Wounds with them, during two Months, I was perfectly cured. Witneſs my Hand this 24th Day of *Feb.* $17\frac{30}{31}$.

James Silby.

Witneſs, *Francis Roche*, at the *Swan* in *Troubridge*.

N. B. *The Diſtemper was occaſioned by a Bruiſe, and the Waters were drank at* Bradford.

I preſume, theſe undoubted Evidences of ſuch mighty Cures performed, together with the general good Character theſe *Waters* have obtained from all that have ever drank of them, will get the Better of all private Reſentments, and Affectation of Novelty; and that I ſhall have the Pleaſure of ſeeing them perfectly Eſtabliſhed in Reputation, for the Good of Mankind, and the Benefit of the Proprietor.

I could have given a long Liſt of Cures performed, and Benefit received by

by the Uſe of theſe *Waters* in *London*, notwithſtanding moſt of the *Water-Drinkers*, and their Caſes, are unknown to me; but as Perſons of Fortune and Eſtate, have been only able to bear the Expence of drinking them in *London*, I would not preſume to mention their Names, contenting myſelf in obſerving a few particular Caſes, and pointing out other Cures performed from the Wells, which will ſufficiently prove their Efficacy in Town.

And as a farther Proof of theſe *Waters* keeping and retaining their Virtues when well Cork'd and Seal'd, it may be obſerved, that moſt of the Perſons mention'd to be cur'd from the Wells, carried the *Water* Home in wooden Caſks, and drew it out of the Caſks as they had occaſion for it. Others, in large Wicker Bottles, which they likewiſe emptied as their Caſes required.

Leſt the Patient, on my recommending theſe *Waters* as ſtronger when reduced by Evaporation, ſhould think it adviſable to drink them altogether ſo reduced, and no Part raw, I deſire

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it may be obſerved, that it is only when the Stomach is too weak to receive raw Water, ſufficient to conquer the Diſtemper. That I adviſe the reducing Part of the preſcrib'd Quantity by Evaporation, and then to reſerve, at leaſt, a Pint, or rather a Pint and half to be drank raw, in the Afternoon; the reduc'd Quantity being taken in the Morning. And in very obſtinate Caſes, I would adviſe, the reducing three Pints to a Pint and half for the Morning Drinking; not failing to drink a Quart, or Pint and half raw in the Afternoon.

And here it may be of Uſe to publiſh ſome curious Reflections on the Boiling theſe *Waters*, which I received from the Reverend Mr. *Lewis*.

'The Method you mention, as 'practis'd in Town, of *Boiling* the 'Waters, is what I cannot readily 'come into. It may do very well 'in ſome Caſes, and particularly 'where the *Primæ Viæ* want Clean-'ſing. But 'tis not good to hurry Things,

‘ Things, eſpecially where the *Craſis* ‘ of the Blood and Humours is to ‘ be alter'd. And as *Chronical* Diſ- ‘ eaſes grow upon us by Degrees, ‘ and gather Strength by little and ‘ little, ſo they are regularly to be ‘ carried off in the ſame manner as ‘ they came on, by gradual and gentle ‘ Steps. Beſides, by the ſtrong Heat ‘ in *Boiling*, the *Mineral* Particles are ‘ very much encreas'd in their Bulk, ‘ and alter'd in their Texture. For, ‘ as Nature, which is always the ‘ wiſeſt and moſt perfect Operator, ‘ has prepared this *Noble Medicine*; ‘ when it comes cold from the Well, ‘ the *Mineral* Parts, which are ex- ‘ ceeding ſubtil and fine, ſwim in the ‘ Element, duly mix'd in a juſt Pro- ‘ portion with it, and their *Specific* ‘ Gravity not exceeding That of the ‘ Water: But by the Force of the ‘ Fire in *Boiling*, they are put into ‘ violent Motions, and by their Col- ‘ liſion, and ſtriking againſt one ano- ‘ ther, do cluſter and unite together; ‘ and after this Coalition, they be- ‘ come viſible, and too heavy to ‘ ſwim as before in the Fluid, be-

‘ ing

'ing ſeen to ſubſide to the Bottom,
'as the Water cools. And as the
'*Mineral* Ingredients, which impart
'a healing Quality to the Waters,
'are hereby encreas'd in their Size,
'and alter'd in their Texture, they
'cannot ſo eaſily enter the ſtrait
'Mouths of the *Lacteals*, or paſs
'the fine Strainers of the *Animal*
'*Machine*; and, conſequently, can-
'not be of that Service to break
'through the *Glandular* Obſtructions,
'or purſue the *morbific* Humours to
'their Excretory Outlets. This No-
'tion is perhaps liable to Objecti-
'ons, and therefore give me Leave
'to ſupport it with *Experience*, by
'aſſuring you, that moſt of the
'Cures hitherto done by this *Mineral*
'*Water*, have been upon ſuch as
'drank it cold, or at leaſt gently
'warm'd.'

APPENDIX.

WHEREAS there were great Complaints made laſt Summer, by the *Water-Drinkers* at *Holt*, on Occaſion of the Foulneſs of the Water in the *Old Well*, particular Care will be taken for the future, to prevent the like Inconveniencies. The *Old Well* has been already cleans'd, the Foulneſs of which, was the chief Cauſe of ſuch Complaints, it not having been cleans'd during ten Years. And in order to prevent a Scarcity of the *Old Well-Water*, which is generally occaſioned by the extravagant Waſting of the Water by Servants, a proper Perſon ſhall be appointed to receive an Ac-

count from every Gentleman and Lady, of what Quantity of Water they ſhall require to have Home to their Lodgings in Bottles each Day, and to deliver Tickets every Day for the deſired Quantity, *Gratis*.

Sufficient Care will be taken that the Lodgers at the Great Houſe, may never want Water, in Preference to all other Houſes.

The Report which has been induſtriouſly ſpread, of the ſeveral Wells being laid together by Pipes, in ſuch manner as to mix the Waters, and letting in New Springs, is intirely groundleſs, as will appear by the following Affidavits.

WE *Grace Harding*, Sen. and *Hannah Harding*, of *Holt*, in the County of *Wilts*, make Oath, That there is no Communication made to convey the Water of the ſeveral *Mineral Wells* to each other, by Pipes, or any other Artificial Method of Conveyance whatever; nor have there been ever any New Spring, or other Supply of

of Water, let into the *Old Well*, by digging, or any other Means, to our Knowledge, or Belief.

Grace + *Harding*, her Mark.
Hannah Harding.

Jurat' xx° die Januarii, Anno Regni Regis Georgii Secundi, nunc Mag. Britanniæ, &c. Annoq; Dom. 1730.

Coram me, T. Methuen.

N. B. *Grace Harding* is the preſent Keeper of the Wells, who hath had them under her Care ever ſince *A. D.* 1713. And *Hannah Harding* is her Eldeſt Daughter.

James Smith, of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, Plumber, having been employed by Mr. *Henry Eyre*, in *April*, *Anno Dom.* 1730, in laying a Pipe of Lead from the *New Pump-Houſe Well* in *Holt*, to the *Old Pump-Houſe*, doth make Oath, That the ſaid

Pipe has no Communication with any other Well, nor conveys any Supply of Water to the *Old Well*, or to any Pump beſides its own.

James Smith.

Jurat' primo Die Februarii, Anno Regni Georgii Secundi, nunc Mag. Britanniæ Regis, &c. Quarto, Annoque Dom. 1730.

Coram me, T. Methuen.

I *Thomas Budd*, of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, having been employed by Mr. *Henry Eyre*, in the Month of *October* laſt, to cleanſe the *Old Mineral-Well* at *Holt*, do make Oath, That there appeared to me no Communication with any other Well, nor any Supply of Water, but from the Old Original Spring; nor was I employed to make any other Alteration, than to cleanſe it, and pave the Bottom, in order to keep it clean.

The

The 19th Day of *January*, *A. D.* $17\frac{30}{31}$.

The Mark T. B. of *Thomas Budd.*

Jurat' coram me,

T. Methuen.

I *Jonathan Richmond*, of *Hilperton*, in the County of *Wilts*, Maſon, the Perſon employ'd in making the *Mineral Wells* at *Holt*, having this Day inſpected the Old Well, find no Communication has been made from any other Well, nor any Supply of Water thereto, but from the Original Spring; and hereof I make Oath, this nineteenth Day of *January*, *A. D.* $17\frac{30}{31}$.

The Mark T. of *Jonathan Richmond.*

Jurat' coram me,

T. Methuen.

I *Henry*

London, ſſ.

I *Henry Eyre*, Maſter of the *Mineral Wells* at *Holt*, make Oath, That there has been no Communication made between all, or any of the ſeveral *Mineral Wells* at *Holt*; nor any New Spring, nor any other Supply of Water, let into any of the ſaid *Mineral Wells*, ſince they have been under my Management and Direction; nor at any Time before, to my Knowledge, or Belief.

Henry Eyre.

Jurat' 23° Die Martii, 1730.

Coram me, Wm. Billers.

To theſe Teſtimonies, I ſhall ſubjoyn the Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr. *Lewis* of *Holt*, to a Gentleman in Town, in Anſwer to ſome Queries relating to the *Holt Wells*.

SIR,

YOurs is with me, and the Receipt of it ſhould have been ſooner acknowledged, had not ill Health denied me the Satiſ-

Satisfaction of writing. I am ſurpriz'd at the Account you give me, of the Report which is current in Town, concerning the Mineral Wells *at* Holt; *nor can I eaſily conceive whence ſuch a Suſpicion ſhould ariſe, that the Waters of the* Old Well *are injured by the Mixture of other Waters, ſuppoſed by ſome ſecret Conveyance to have a Communication with them. I am fully ſatisfied, and can with Confidence affirm, That ſuch a Surmiſe is perfectly groundleſs; and, I hope, you will believe me, when I aſſure you, that the Wells are all diſtinct, and have no Communication by ſubterranean Pipes, or any other Artificial Method, with each other. And in particular, that (I believe) the* Old Well *has no other Supply, but from the* Original Spring; *ſo that its Waters are to be had Pure and Genuine, and are at preſent very plentiful, and perfectly fine.*

Not that I do believe the Waters of the Old Well *to be ſo much ſuperior to the other Wells, as is commonly imagined. I am of Opinion, they are pretty much alike in their Virtues and Qualities, and have no ſuch Difference, as*

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to juſtify the extravagant Preference that is given to That Well, *beyond the reſt. That indeed has been moſtly made Uſe of, and, conſequently, hath furniſhed the greateſt Number of Cures; and People who are diſeaſed, do with Reaſon chuſe that Water which has done ſome Notable Cure, in a Caſe that reſembles their own; by which Means, the other Wells being leſs uſed, are outdone by the* Old Well *in the Number of Cures. I own, when I have Occaſion to apply to the Waters, I chuſe to drink of the* Old Well, *if it is to be had; but if that Water fails, as it frequently doth, towards the End of Summer, I make no Scruple of taking my Glaſs from one of the other Pumps, as being fully perſuaded they have a Mineral Virtue in them, perhaps equal, at leaſt, not much inferior, to the* Old Well. *I am,*

SIR,

Your very humble and

obedient Servant,

Dec. 21, 1730. J. Lewis.

By

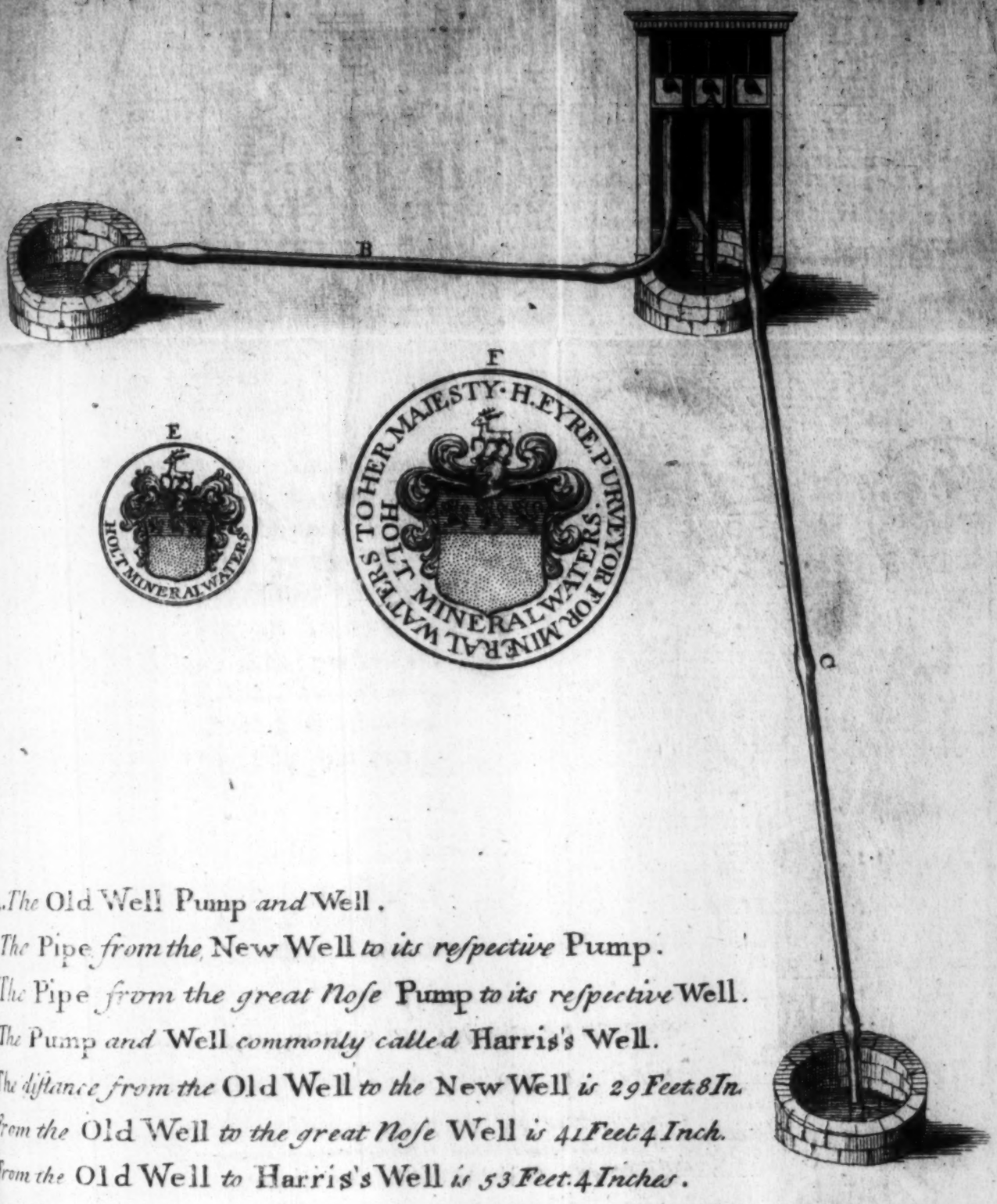
The ſeveral Cures performed by the *New Wells*, viz. Numb. 37, 63, 64, 70, 90, 91, 92, 95, 97, 101, and the ſeveral Chymical Experiments that follow, may be enough to take off the Prejudices which have been too induſtriouſly rais'd againſt them for private Ends.

And for the further Satisfaction of the Publick, I have added a Copper-Plate, ſhewing the Situation and Diſtance of the ſeveral Wells, and in what manner the Pipes are laid, that convey the Water from the ſeveral Wells, to their reſpective Pumps.

Chymical

Two Ounces of *Holt Mineral Waters*, try'd with	*Old Well.*	*New Well.*	*Great Noſe-Well.*	Harris's *Well.*	*Common Water*
Ten Grains of *Sal Abſinthii*,	Turbid Milky, precipitated a white Curdle.	The ſame.	The ſame.	The ſame.	Milky, but no curdled.
Ten Drops of *Oil* of *Tartar*.	Milky Curdle.	The ſame.	The ſame.	The ſame	No Alteration.
Ten Drops of Spirit of *Sal Armoniac*,	Milky.	The ſame.	The ſame.	The ſame.	No Alteration
Ten Drops of *Spirit* of *Urine*,	Pearl Colour.	The ſame.	The ſame.	The ſame.	No Alteration

The Water of all the above Wells, is likewiſe of equal Weight, *viz.* heavier than common Water, by four Grains in two Ounces; and they curdle Milk when boil'd with the Waters.



A. *The* Old Well Pump *and* Well.

B. *The* Pipe *from the* New Well *to its respective* Pump.

C. *The* Pipe *from the great Nose* Pump *to its respective* Well.

D. *The* Pump *and* Well *commonly called* Harris's Well.

The distance from the Old Well *to the* New Well *is 29 Feet 8 In.*

From the Old Well *to the great Nose* Well *is 41 Feet 4 Inch.*

From the Old Well *to* Harris's Well *is 53 Feet 4 Inches.*

E. *The* Seal *with which the* Corks *of the* Bottles *are Seal'd.*

F. *The* Mark *with which the* Bottles *are Mark't on the Side.*

In the Year 1720, Mr. *Harris*, Apothecary in *Bradford*, having Poſſeſſion of one of the *Mineral Wells*, commonly diſtinguiſh'd by the Name of *Harris*'s *Well*, publiſhed the following Paper, giving an Account of three remarkable Cures performed by the Waters of the ſaid Wells, and promiſing a printed Liſt of other great Cures wrought by the ſame. The Paper is as follows:

" At *Holt*, in the Pariſh of *Brad-*
" *ford*, is found out another *Purging*
" *Mineral Spring*, much ſtronger than
" the former (that is, than the *Old*
" *Well.*) It has lately cured Mrs.
" *Elizabeth Orchard*, of *Devizes*, of
" two Old Ulcers in her Legs, of
" ſeveral Years ſtanding. *Elizabeth*
" *Aſhley*, of *North-Bradley*, in the
" County of *Wilts*, of a large foul
" Ulcer upon her Ancle, of eight
" Years ſtanding. Theſe three are
" only mention'd, being People that
" drank a conſiderable Time of the
" other Well, (that is, the *Old Well*,)
" without any Benefit. The Truth

" of the Premiſes will be atteſted by " moſt of the Inhabitants of *Holt*, " and *R. Cole*, one of the Perſons " cured."

But notwithſtanding all theſe Proofs of the ſeveral Wells being equally Good; for the future, no other Water than from the *Old Well*, will be Sold in Bottles by me, or my Agents, unleſs required from any particular Well, Care being taken to make a ſufficient Reſerve for that Purpoſe.

That the Publick may not be impoſed upon by other Waters, inſtead of the *True Holt Waters*, the Bottles are flatted, and marked on the Side, and Sealed with the Arms of *Edward Liſle*, of *Moyles-Court*, in the County of *Hants*, Eſq; * who is the Proprietor of all the *Mineral Wells* at *Holt*.

And as a farther Satisfaction, any Perſon may try the Waters, by

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* *Vid.* The Copper-Plate.

either,

either, or all, of the Six foregoing Experiments; all which, can't fail of giving Satisfaction to the moſt Cautious.

Advertiſement.

THE Trade of *Mineral Waters* being ſcattered into many Hands, moſt of which having but little Demand for them, it has hereby frequently happened, that the Waters were not Freſh and Good, to the great Diſappointment of the Phyſians who preſcribed them, and the Injury of the Patients that drank them. The Conſideration of this, and that it would be Buſineſs ſufficient for any one Perſon, if duly encouraged, to make the Sale of *Mineral Waters* his only Buſineſs, for which End and Purpoſe, I choſe to employ myſelf intirely in the Sale of *Mineral Waters*, which ſoon met with great Encouragement from Her Majeſty's moſt gracious Favour, in appointing me *Her Purveyor for*

Mineral Waters, and from many of the Eminent Phyſicians recommending their Patients to my Warehouſe.

And as I ſhall continue to take particular Care to have the *Foreign Waters* as freſh and frequent as the diſtant Situation of the Places will admit, and particularly, to have the beſt *Spaw-Water*, I have ſettled a Correſpondence at the Place, to have my Water from the beſt Spring, which all Dealers are not willing to be at the Expence of, ſo I ſhall take the ſame Caution to have our own *Mineral Waters* freſh and good, *viz.* thoſe of *Holt*, *Bath* and *Briſtol*, by Waggons, every *Saturday*, which return from the *Bell-Savage-Inn* on *Ludgate-Hill*, to *Holt*, *Bath* and *Briſtol*, every *Monday* Morning, by Six o'Clock, and carry Goods or Paſſengers at Reaſonable Rates.

The *True Holt-Waters* are Sold at the following Places, *viz.* At my Warehouſe within *Temple-Bar*.

Hampſtead, at Mr. *Hardy*'s, an Apothecary.

Oxford,

Oxford, by Mr. *Eldridge*, the *Bath* and *Briſtol* Carrier.

Cambridge, by Mr. *Lardner*, Apothecary.

Bath, by Mr. *Wiltſhire*, at the *Bear-Inn*.

Winchester, by Mr. *Henry Cuel*.

Southampton, by Mr. *Campion*, Apothecary.

Reading, by Mr. *Heycock*, Apothecary.

Saliſbury, by Mr. *Stillingfleet*.

Chicheſter, by Mr. *William Hardham*.

N. B. The *Holt Waters* are Sold in BRISTOL, by Mr. *Daniel Pill*, near St. *Peter*'s *Pump*, where any Perſon may be conveniently ſupplied, either Wholeſale or Retale, to moſt Parts of *England*.

Such *Holt Waters* as may be Sold at any of the Places above, except by the above-mention'd Perſons, are not to be depended on as Genuine.

The Prices of theſe Waters at each Place, are in Proportion to their Diſtance from the Wells.

As ſeveral Perſons have ſent Orders from the Country, without ordering

dering immediate Payment, whereby I have loſt ſeveral ſmall Sums of Money; Therefore, for the future, no Water will be delivered for the Country, unleſs Payment be ordered at the ſame Time; and when Orders are given in Town, it is deſired that the Money be paid at the giving the Order, *I Selling for Ready Money only.*

And for a further Inducement for Perſons to buy *Briſtol Waters* of me, pleaſe to obſerve the following Caution given by the Maſters of the *Briſtol Hot Well*, which, doubtleſs, they had good Reaſon for publiſhing, and the Advertiſement given by them in my Favour.

And as I am likewiſe under a conſiderable Obligation, to Sell no *Briſtol Water*, but from Meſſieurs *Batterſby* and *Biſhop*, their True Original Spring at the *Holt Wells*, the Virtues of which have been ſufficiently experienced, ſuch *True Briſtol Water* may the more particularly be depended on from me.

Whereas

WHereas the Publick has of late been much impoſed on by falſe and ſpurious Waters, inſtead of the True Briſtol Hot Well Water, yet pretended to be the ſame, and in order to prevent, in ſome meaſure, the like Abuſe for the future; We John Batterſbe, and William Biſhop, Maſters of the Briſtol Hot Well, do hereby give Notice, That all Bottles of Water Sealed otherwiſe than according to the Impreſſion here affixed, were never filled at our Spring; and any Perſon ordering Waters from us, may, if deſired, have a Certificate of its Genuineneſs ſent with it, Signed by our own Hands. And it is deſired, That ſuch Perſons as give Orders to their Friends and Correſpondents here, to procure the ſaid Waters for them, would order ſuch a Certificate therewith.

WHereas there has been for a conſiderable Time paſt, an Advertiſement publiſhed in the *Daily Journal*, Signed by us, tending to diſ-

diſcourage all Perſons from buying *Briſtol Waters* of Mr. *Henry Eyre*, of *Fleet-Street*, *London*, This is therefore to inform the Publick, that notwithſtanding any former Difference betwixt us and the ſaid Mr. *Eyre*, we have lately agreed to ſupply him with our *True and Genuine Briſtol Water:* And as a further Confirmation that what he ſhall Sell is ſuch, printed Receipts will be from Time to Time ſent him, Signed by our Hands, which may be produced to ſuch as are ſcrupulous.

John Batterſbe, } Maſters of the
William Biſhop, } *Briſtol Hot Well.*

That all Perſons may depend on their Servants, or Porters coming for *Mineral Waters* to my Warehouſe, be pleaſed to order them to aſk for the *Liſt of Mineral Waters I Sell*, which will be delivered *Gratis* to ſuch as require it, and is as follows; and for the further Satisfaction, will be Dated when delivered.

Mineral

Mineral Waters Sold by *Henry Eyre*, Purveyor for *Mineral Waters* to Her Majeſty, at his Water-Warehouſe in *Fleet-Street*, near *Temple-Bar*:

Holt, at —— 10 *s. per* Doz.
Bath, —— — 7 *s.* 6 *d. per* Doz.
Ditto —— 4 *s. per* half Doz.
Briſtol, —— 6 *s. per* Doz.
German Spaw, 14 *s. per* Doz.
Pyrmont, — 14 *s. per* Doz.

N. B. For the Conveniency of ſuch as live near St. *James*'s, I conſtantly deliver *Bath* and *Briſtol Waters* to be Sold by Mr. *Broders*, at his Tea-Shop in *Duke-Street*, St. *James*'s.

F I N I S.

Mineral Waters Sold by Henry Eyre, Surveyor for Mineral Waters to Her Majesty, at his Water-Warehouse in Hen-Street, next Temple-Bar:

Hot, at —— 10 s. per Doz.
Bath, —— —— 7 s. 6 d. per Doz.
Dyo —— —— 12 s. per Doz.
Brifol, —— 6 s. per Doz.
German Spaw, 14 s. per Doz.
Pyrmont, —— 14 s. per Doz.

N. B. For the Conveniency of Such as live near St. James's, I conftantly deliver Bath and Brifol Waters to be Sold by Mr. Brodey, at his Tea-Shop in Duke-Street, St. James's.

FINIS.